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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 6 pm @ St. Isidore

Sunday: 8:30 am @ St. John

Weekday Mass Schedule

As stated in the weekly bulletin

Confessions Sunday: 8 am or by appointment

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:

8 am - 5 pm

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7 am - 3:30 pm

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Year of Seeking and Healing through Prayer and Kindness

Faith Formation by Linda Hansmeier

"I praise you, because I am wonderfully made, wonderful are your works! My very self you know." Psalm 139:14

I take a lot of comfort in knowing what to expect and how to do my job but as I reflect on how Covid-19 has affected my life I realize I do not like change and how God is challenging me. "What does that mean for me?" Well, it is not about ME! It does not mean closing my eyes to what is around me. It means subordinating the visible world to the invisible Shepherd of my soul. II Corinthians 5:7 says that we walk by faith, not by sight. John 8:12 says that "When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

Among the many changes that have taken place this year has been offering homeschooling along with on-site faith formation. Each have taken on new understandings as well as offer different forms of community that are strange to us. Homeschooling has offered more challenges as parents who choose to homeschool are having to learn new skills as they teach their children about their faith. On-site faith formation requires the wearing of a mask and social distancing. With brave catechists and helpers who stepped up to the plate, despite the pandemic, they, along with the students and the families who are homeschooling are walking in faith, not sight. Maggie Slaymaker shares her experience with homeschooling.

I just wanted to tell you how much we are enjoying homeschooling FF so far! I love the Pflaum weekly packets for the kids. We have had great discussions about the gospel and teaching for the week and the spotlight on specific teachings of the church. It has been great having the different parts of Promise, Good News, and Venture to guide our family discussions!



Thanks so much for this opportunity! It has been a great addition to our domestic church!

Have a great day! Maggie



On-site faith formation finds lesser amounts of students per classroom, more tables to provide safe-distancing and using the outdoors as a substitute classroom when possible. Out of darkness we find light/ hope as parents and catechists continue to form disciples among our children and youth during these times of uncertainty and change. It is not about me but about us, as together we walk in Christ's light.

Respecting Life from Womb to Tomb By: Theresa Sundstrom

With October being dedicated to Respect Life and praying the Holy Rosary – may we offer up our prayers for the respect of life from conception to natural death. All life is sacred whether a person is unborn, disabled, different or suffering from old age.

We all have various experiences that shape our lives and affect who we are. There are many that shape who I am today including getting my degree in Special Education. My heart goes out to children and adults with special needs and I always find joy and love in their presence. Two years ago, my Great Grandmother, Marie, passed away naturally at the age of 93. It was a beautiful experience to see family come together and pray for her as she made her journey to Christ. Now, expecting my 7th child and my oldest being a teenager (gasp!), I feel called to instill in them the Catholic teaching that all unborn are children of God. He has a purpose for every human life born and unborn. The following is a moving Breaking Bread Hymn by Carey Landry which comes from Isaiah 49:

I will never forget you, My people

I have carved you on the palm of My hand

I will never forget you

I will not leave you orphaned

I will never forget my own

Does a mother forget her baby?

Or a woman the child within her womb?

Yet even if these forget,

Yes, even if these forget,

I will never forget my own

Youth Ministry by Deanna Wagner

Dear Parishioners, we are blessed to have 28 confirmation students, 37 high school students registered for Wednesday evening Faith Formation Classes and 14 high school, home school, Faith Formation Students. The High School Team is amazed at how reflective the students are during small group discussions following the content provided in our Decision Point videos. Our young church gives us hope! Please pray for our Confirmation Students who met last week after Mass for our second session. Prayer: Jesus, be with our Confirmation students throughout their journey towards Confirmation. Holy Spirit Breath over them throughout this year and make yourself known to each individual student: Blair, Johnny, Ryder, Jacob, Ella, Natalie, Luke, Brady, Zachary, Jason, Claire, Colton, Ryne, Kali, Tyler, Mackenzie, Samantha, Nicole, Tyler, Jackson, Nathan, Henry, Riley, Parker, Isaac, Landon, Skyler, and Laura. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thank you for your generosity with the food donations for our high school students. Youth ministry is continuing to need assistance to meet the needs of our high school students. During the months of October and November we would love to have any of the following items:

Boxes of single packages of hot chocolate Zip lock snack bags Bags of fun size candy bars String cheese Baby carrots	Frozen pizzas Individual packages of cheese or peanut butter, sandwich type crackers Anything other individually wrapped snacks that you think they would like
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Donated items can be dropped off at a designated table in the gathering space before or after Mass. **Thanks so much for your support with forming our young church and letting them see how important they are to you.**

Readings for the week of October 18, 2020

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b]/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21
Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5 [3b]/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9]/Lk 12:35-38
Wed.: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [cf. 3]/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 [5b]/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday:
Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

Wednesday, October 28th

8:30 am - Al Opatz



Friday, October 30th

8:30 am - Rev. Thomas McAndrew

Sunday, November 1st

8:30 am - Arnold Brawner

Monday, November 2nd (All Souls Day)

8:30 am - Deceased members of St. John's Parish

Weekly contributions needed \$5,326.92

October 11, 2020

Budget, Adult	\$4,760.00
Loose Coin/Currency	\$ 65.00
Total Collected	\$ 4,825.00
YTD collection needed.....	\$79,903.80
YTD collections received.....	\$70,651.25
YTD over/ short	\$ 9,252.55

Weekly contributions needed \$5,326.92

October 18, 2020

Budget, Adult	\$2,850.00
Loose Coin/Currency	\$ 81.00
Total Collected	\$ 2,931.00
YTD collection needed.....	\$85,230.72
YTD collections received.....	\$73,582.25
YTD over/ short	\$ 11,648.47

