

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR
Twenty-First Sunday Ordinal Time
August 22nd, 2021

Calendar:

- **08/22/21 Sunday:** 1PM Organizational Meeting for “Nepomuk Narly” Gravel Bike Race/Ride at St. John’s – Pisek. Pizza and Soda provided. Volunteers needed to make the day a success
- **08/24/21 Tuesday:** 7PM K of C Meeting St. Mary’s Park River – Item for discussion: Fund Raiser at St. John’s for Roof
- **08/25/21 Wednesday:** 6:30 PM All Parents Faith Formation Meeting. Very Important: Schedule, Meals, Dates, Classrooms, Teachers, Etc. will be decided at this meeting
- **08/26/21 Thursday:** 6AM Daily Mass due to Catholic Radio 1370AM Broadcast. Call in 9:30 to 10AM to be on air w/ Fr. 1-877-795-0122
- **08/27/21 Friday:** Friday Men’s Prayer Breakfast St. John’s: 5:30 Breakfast; 6AM Discussion and Prayer; 7AM Eucharistic Adoration; 8AM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
- **08/28/21 Saturday:** 7AM Chanted Morning Prayer and Holy Hour; 8AM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Breakfast to Follow

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Faith Formation: Wednesday, August 25th at 6:30PM in St. John’s basement is an All Parents Meeting for Faith Formation. This covers all grades and all parishes. The calendar, Sacrament Dates, volunteers, meal schedule, classrooms, teachers, and retreats for children, etc. will be decided. It is very important that parents attend. Fr. Lefor cannot stress this enough!

Successful Completion of Roof Project: The re-shingling of St. John Nepomucene’s roof and steeple is complete. It has been covered with steel shingles that have a slate appearance. They are supposed to last for the life of the church! The cross and domes were painted in gold. It turned out quite beautiful. I am giving St. Joseph credit for the new roof, as we consecrated the Church to St. Joseph on March 19th and on March 20th the shingles were blown off! St. Joseph has done a great job in bringing a new roof. He has also done a great job in inspiring generous donors to step forward. As of today \$22,000 has already been donated to the cost of the repairs! That is awesome! Thank you Lord! The remaining balance on the

loan is \$60,000. One idea I had to hopefully inspire donations was for people to sponsor shingles. Over 23,000 shingles were used to cover the roof. When the balance is divided by the number of shingles, it comes to \$25 a shingle. I wonder if people would be inspired to sponsor shingles. I could ask the Lord, "Lord, how many shingles are you asking me to sponsor to cover your sanctuary?"

The "Nepomuk Narly": Fr. Lefor has a crazy but fun idea. Let's have a bike race/ride on October 2nd called the "Nepomuk Narly." "Nepomuk" because St. John is from Nepomuk in the Czech Republic. "Narly" because something that is "gnarly" is very difficult and challenging but satisfying when accomplished.

The race/ride will be a gravel race. It will start at St. John Nepomucene Church when the bells ring. There are three divisions. The Gold Division which will be 50 miles long. The top three finishers will receive real gold. The Silver Division will be 25 miles long and the top three finishers will receive real silver. There will be an Ice Cream Division which is six miles long and goes up the Pengilly Hill and back, where everyone ends up at the J-Mart eating ice cream!

The J-Mart will help stage the race, the Sand Bar will provide a meal, the Pisek Fire and Rescue will man the course with four wheelers and all-terrain-vehicles. The course is never more than four miles from Pisek and passes through the town. When the riders come through the people are to ring cowbells and horns to encourage them. There will be a \$25 entry fee that covers a t-shirt, \$10 coupon for the J-mart, and the meal from the Sandbar. The t-shirt will of course have Nepomuk Narly on it. He will have his finger to his lips and the slogan will say, "Shhh, don't tell but I have done the Nepomuk Narly!"

Volunteers are needed to help run the event. Please come this Sunday at 1PM to St. John's basement for pizza and pop and to hear the details. Anyone who would like to help or is interested please come.

In May of 2021 the Diocese of Fargo granted St. John Nepomucene an emergency loan for \$82,100 for the repair of its roof. \$60,750 plus 3% interest remains on this loan. Thank you for everyone's immediate and generous response to this unforeseen need! \$15,000 was received this week. **Thank You!**

St. John Nepomucene, St. Joseph, and Sts. Peter & Paul, Pray for Us!