

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR
Twenty-Third Sunday Ordinal Time
September 5th, 2021

Calendar:

- **09/05/21 Sunday:** Noon 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. Looking especially for those who can monitor race with ATV’s.
- **09/08/21 Wednesday:** 12:30 Faith Formation Family Event – Lyric Theater, Park River – Miracle Maker – Free Admission – Everyone Welcome!
- **09/10/21 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
- **09/11/21 Saturday:** 7AM Chanted Morning Prayer and Holy Hour; 8AM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Breakfast to Follow

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Faith Formation: We will kick off this year’s Faith Formation with an all family event at 12:30PM at the Lyric Theater in Park River. The Miracle Maker will be shown free of charge. All are welcome! First classes are 4:30PM Sept, 15th at St. John’s in Pisek.

New Message Alert System: A second alert message was sent out at 5PM on Wednesday. If you did not receive a phone message, text, or e-mail please let Fr. Lefor know. It means that you are not in the system and will not get messages from the parish. Call Fr. Lefor 701-520-0369 or email him frjvlefor@yahoo.com. If you received a message but would like to modify how you receive your message contact Fr. Lefor and he can adjust the system according to your desire.

Happy Birthday: Happy 80th Birthday to Barbara Greicar. Her whole family has gathered to celebrate this weekend. I am so grateful to all that Barbara has done for St. John Nepomucene across the years. She has been a very generous person to volunteer and help with many needs. Thank you Barbara and God Bless you!

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. **Go to plbnd.org and click on “Nepomuk Narly” to go to the website of all the details and registration. If you sign up as a volunteer you will receive a free Nepomuk Narly T-shirt.**

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 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 \$40 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, I did the Nepomuk Narly!” “Wouldn’t you like to do it, too?”

Volunteers are needed to help run the event. Please come this Sunday at Noon 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. We are open to any ideas to make the event memorable. People are talking craft booths, food trucks, old cars, motorcycle rally, games for children, and live music. These are all great ideas since we would like to attract as many people possible. However, people will need to donate time and effort to make it a huge success.

In May of 2021 the Diocese of Fargo granted St. John Nepomucene an emergency loan for \$82,100 for the repair of its roof. \$60,600 plus 3% interest remains on this loan. Thank you for everyone’s immediate and generous response to this unforeseen need! \$150 was received this past week. **Thank You!**

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