

**WORDS FROM THE PASTOR**  
**Twenty-Fourth Sunday Ordinal Time**  
**September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Calendar:**

- **09/12/21 Sunday:** Noon Organizational Meeting for “Nepomuk Narly” Gravel Bike Race/Ride at St. John’s – Pisek. Organizing Volunteers.
- **09/14/21 Tuesday:** Deanery Meeting – Minto 10:30-3:00 PM
- **09/15/21 Wednesday:** First Day Faith Formation: Younger students 4:30PM; High School 6PM
- **09/16/21 Thursday:** Daily Mass 6AM
- **09/16/21 Thursday:** Real Presence Radio Live Drive call in 1-877-794-0122
- **09/17/21 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
- **09/18/21 Saturday:** 7AM to 1PM Lawton Loop – Gravel Bike Race in Lawton, ND

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**Faith Formation:** The first class of Faith Formation starts this Wednesday. Younger students meet from 4:30 to 5:45. High School students meet from 6PM until 7:45PM.

**On a Personal Note:** Fr. Lefor’s Goddaughter, Caiti Henessey, won the Northwest Regional Golf Tournament this past Friday by shooting a 75. The real excitement came when she shot an “Albatross.” This is a double eagle. It means that she sunk a golf shot with two strokes when it should have taken her five strokes. She hit a blind shot 160 yards with a six iron into the cup. The hole was 360 yards par five. The odds of hitting the shot are one in six million. A golfer could literally hit 20,000 par three holes-in-one before making this shot. Fr. Lefor is so happy that God allowed Caiti to experience such glory!

**The “Nepomuk Narly”:** Fr. Lefor has a crazy but fun idea. Let’s have a bike race/ride on October 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://plbnd.org) and click on “Nepomuk Narly” to**

**find 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 thousands of dollars of real gold. The Silver Division will be 25 miles long and the top three finishers will receive hundreds of dollars of 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 tens of dollars of real ice cream!

When the riders come through town 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.

Volunteers are needed to help run the event. Please come this Sunday at Noon to St. John's basement for organizational meeting.

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**Two Years ago the organ** at St. John's in Pisek stopped working. Jerry Schumacher from Grafton worked on it for a number of months. He got it working again, but said he didn't know how long it would last. Well this past Sunday the organ gave up its ghost in a spectacular fashion. The insides were fried and there was no way to fix it. Peggy Bartunik, formerly of Grafton, put Fr. Lefor in touch with a \$26,000 organ that was being sold for \$6,000 in the Twin Cities. A trip was made to the Twin Cities to acquire the organ, a special lift was rented, and a number of men from the parish helped to remove the old organ and install the new organ. God has truly undertaken to provide for us! Fr. Lefor personally financed the organ. The overall cost is \$8,000. If anyone would like to assist in paying for the organ please send a donation to St. John's PO Box 27, Pisek, ND 58273.

**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!**