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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 August 23, 2020

**ST. ANNE CHURCH, BOULDER JUNCTION**  
**ST. MARY CHURCH, SAYNER**  
**ST. RITA CHURCH, PRESQUE ISLE**  
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 Office hours: Mon — Thu 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
 3:30—3:50 pm on Saturdays at St. Rita  
 8:30—8:50 am on Sundays at St. Mary  
 10:30—10:50 am on Sundays at St. Anne  
 (Or call Fr. Joseph for an appointment)

**CONTRIBUTIONS for August 16, 2020**

		Online	
St. Anne - \$	1,005.00	St. Anne - \$	55.00
St. Mary - \$	908.00	St. Mary - \$	100.00
St. Rita - \$	1,095.00	St. Rita - \$	40.00

We encourage your parish giving by going onto our website: <https://ncc.weconnect.com>. Or you can mail your envelope to the parish office at PO Box 110-Boulder Junction, WI 54512. If you have any questions please call the office @715-385-2390

**REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE**  
**Wednesdays at 8:00 am—St. Mary, Sayner**  
**Thursdays at 9:00 am—St. Anne, Boulder Junction**  
**Fridays at 9:00 am—St. Rita, Presque Isle**  
**Saturdays at 4:00 pm—St. Rita, Presque Isle**  
**Sundays at 9:00 am—St Mary, Sayner**  
**Sundays at 11:00 am St Anne, Boulder Junction**  
Due to the fact we are only allowed to have 25% of total occupancy, we are asking you to call the office Mon—Thurs. 8:30 to 4:30 at 715-385-2390 or email me at [stannechurch@centurytel.net](mailto:stannechurch@centurytel.net) to preregister each week for which Mass you are attending and how many people. You are encouraged to attend our Masses through the week to help in this matter.  
 We are also live streaming Sunday Mass on YouTube on Sundays. Go to YouTube, Type in Northwoods Catholic Churches , Scroll down to St Anne Mass. You can watch anytime on Sunday after 11:00 am.  
 Thank you and God Bless



**21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

**2020/2021 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL**  
**August 22 & 23, 2020**  
 This is the annual Catholic Services Appeal Commitment Weekend throughout northern Wisconsin. Our parish goal this year is that every family and individual will participate to the very best of their ability, in recognition and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings. All registered parishioners should have received a special letter from Bishop Powers seeking their personal commitment and a pledge of support. If you are among those in our parish family who have already responded in the spirit of stewardship and discipleship or will do so today, fervent thanks and blessings are yours. If you are still contemplating your Appeal gift, please give from your heart on behalf of those whose lives will be changed for the better because you cared. Every pledge and gift is vitally important and will bring us closer to reaching our goal. God will indeed bless and reward your generosity and concern for others, of that you can be assured.  
**Our goals for this year are: St. Mary-\$15,139.00**  
**St. Rita-\$12,680.00, St Anne-\$9,476.00**  
 When making your donation at Mass or sending to the parish office please **make check payable to your parish, and in memo write CSA. Thank you!**  
 Online Giving to the Catholic Services Appeal provides ([www.Catholicdos.org](http://www.Catholicdos.org)) donors with a secure and easy way to make a gift to Catholic Services Appeal. Your parish is automatically credited with your gift.

**ALL THREE PARISHES**

**Special Prayer Request:** Please pray for the health of Joe Lakota, Greg Shimon, Dale Muth. Our prayers also go out to all Police, Fireman, First Responder, and the active-duty men and women who are serving in the military.

If you have a special prayer request, please contact Kathy in the church office at 715-385-2390

**ST. MARY PARISH**

**Reader For Aug 30th:** Diane Misina

**Bakeless Bake Sale**

Thank you everyone who contributed to our "pandemic" bake sale. We raised over \$700.00 to be used for church & altar supplies and religious education needs.

**Religious Education**

We are exploring options for our fall religious education program. A survey will be sent out to all who are interested in our youth program. If you are new to the parish, contact Ida Nemec at [ilnemec@frontier.com](mailto:ilnemec@frontier.com) or call 715-542-3127 or text 715-499-4016.

**Lay Leadership: Trustees:** Sue Kessro, Nick Chicka. **Parish Council:** Jim Nellissen (Chair), Ida Nemec (Secretary) Stan Rakowski, Jessica Grafwallner

**Finance Council:** Ed Johnston

To add a name to the prayer chain call Peggy Tameling at 715-542-3799 or Monica Fath at 715-542-2351.

**The Following businesses give a percentage of their sales to our church.** Camp's receipts: Mark CD3 on them and turn them into the red basket at camp's or drop them in the collection basket. Also save receipts from St. Germain Shell and turn them into the box in the front entrance of church.

**Help Wanted**

St Mary Church in Sayner is looking for someone to Clean the church. This is a part time job ( Approximately 5hrs a week). For more details please call the office at 715-385-2390 or email me at [stannechurch@centurytel.net](mailto:stannechurch@centurytel.net)

**ST. RITA PARISH**

**Reader for Aug 29th:** Randy Augustinak

If you need help with getting groceries or anything else, we have willing volunteers. Please contact the office @ 715-385-2390

**Lay Leadership: Trustees:** Bob Hagen, Jerry Sanders

**Parish Council:** Otto Novak (Chair), Faith Newberry (Vice chair), Leo Crawley, Jim Steines, and Lisa Roan

**Finance Council:** Richard Schmalzer

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES/MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>08/22 Sat.</b>	<b>St. Rita, Presque Isle</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>
	All People on Prayer Chain By St. Rita Altar Society	
<b>08/23 Sun.</b>	<b>St. Mary, Sayner</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
	+Beth Mee, by Family For all on the St. Mary Prayer Chain, By St. Mary Altar Society For an end to Covid -19, Lori Pergolski	
<b>08/23 Sun.</b>	<b>St. Anne, Boulder Junction</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>
	For the People of the Cluster	
<b>08/26 Wed.</b>	<b>St. Mary, Sayner</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
	+Shirley Pohlman For increase of Religious Vocations	
<b>08/27 Thur.</b>	<b>St. Anne, Boulder Junction</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>08/28 Fri.</b>	<b>St. Rita, Presque Isle</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>08/29 Sat.</b>	<b>St. Rita, Presque Isle</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>
	For the People of the Cluster	
<b>08/30 Sun.</b>	<b>St. Mary, Sayner</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
	For Peace in Families and our Country +Cecelia Stefanski, by Stefanski Family +Sharon Pabst, by William Pabst	
<b>08/30 Sun.</b>	<b>St. Anne, Boulder Junction</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>
	+Rosi Wierzba, by Tom Wierzba +Judy Durand, by Scott Durand	

**ST. ANNE PARISH**

**Reader for Aug 30th:** Mike Beno

If you need help with getting groceries or anything else, we have willing volunteers. Please contact the office @ 715-385-2390

**Lay Leadership: Trustees:** John Ader, Therese Safford

**Parish Council:** Barbara Douglas-Johnson (Chair), Susie Schwanda (Vice-Chair), Dennis Aukstik (Secretary), Peter Kable, Mary Van Grinsven.

**Finance Council:** Tom Wierzba, Greg Van Grinsven.

**Bible Study:** Is not meeting at this time

Save Your Coontail receipts! Coontail Market will donate 1% of sales to our church. Just write the number 6 on your receipt and deposit it in the clear plastic container by the door.

**Food Pantry Donations:** St Anne and St Rita will be accepting donations for the Food Pantry. Items needed are:

Toilet bowl cleaner, disinfectant wipes, glass cleaner, antibacterial hand soap, disposable gloves, and paper towels.

Please be generous in your giving. Thank you and God Bless

**Become a New Parishioner!**

Circle the church of interest:

**St. Anne  
Boulder Junction**

**St. Mary  
Sayner**

**St. Rita  
Presque Isle**

This form gives you an easy means to let the parish office know that you would like to become a member of our parish family. Please drop it in the collection basket, email it or mail it to the parish office (contact info above).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Welcome! We are so happy your are here!

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

The only way to know God is to love God. Our minds will never fully grasp the mystery of God, but our hearts and souls can learn to love the mystery. Years ago, when life had a more innocent quality to it, we believed what we were told or witnessed, unless there was direct evidence otherwise. This was especially true if the information came from someone in authority. In a sense, we were a bit more gullible on one hand but also more trusting on the other. The latter is an admirable quality that sadly can be eroded when we realize we have been duped. With education and technological advances, we find ourselves more skeptical and less likely to too quickly accept and believe what we see and hear.

For all of the good that social media can do, it can also easily distort reality and truth. Photoshop and a myriad other technological truths can add to, fabricate, and make even the non-existent seem real. It is amazing. How far do we allow this obviously justifiable skepticism to take us? Questioning and doubting are healthy elements of any good relationship as long as we don't allow them to turn us away from a deeper experience of love and encounter. If we cannot get our minds around something or empirically justify or prove it, we tend to declare it a hoax, untrue, or unauthentic and walk away. The very same trust that can quickly be eroded is exactly what is essential for all of our relationships, especially our relationship with God. With all things and people that make a profound claim on us, we have to trust in the absence of knowledge. Full self-investment involves plunging completely into the unknown!

Simon Peter said to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Peter came to this knowledge, which is not "head knowledge" because of the relationship he shared with Jesus and what God was able to reveal in and through that relationship. Peter simply "knew" because of love that this is who Jesus really is. The silent exchange of love between friends, and not an intellectual exercise of the mind, brought Peter to this place. When we stop and think about it, there are many things in life that we simply know but do not completely understand. When someone sacrifices their own well-being for another, it may not make intellectual sense when examined. But it makes a world of sense when it is carried out. The vastness of reality and an encounter with incomprehensible mystery all lead us to profound silence where we simply know something to be true. Have you trusted enough to allow your relationship with God to bring you to this place or are you still too skeptical?

**Senior Lunch at Boulder Beer Bar  
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