

JULY 18, 2021

Saint John *the* Baptist CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Parish Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Outreach Ministry Hours

Monday and Wednesday
9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Confessions

Saturday 3:30 pm or by appointment.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday 8:00 am
Wednesday 8:00 am

Baptism

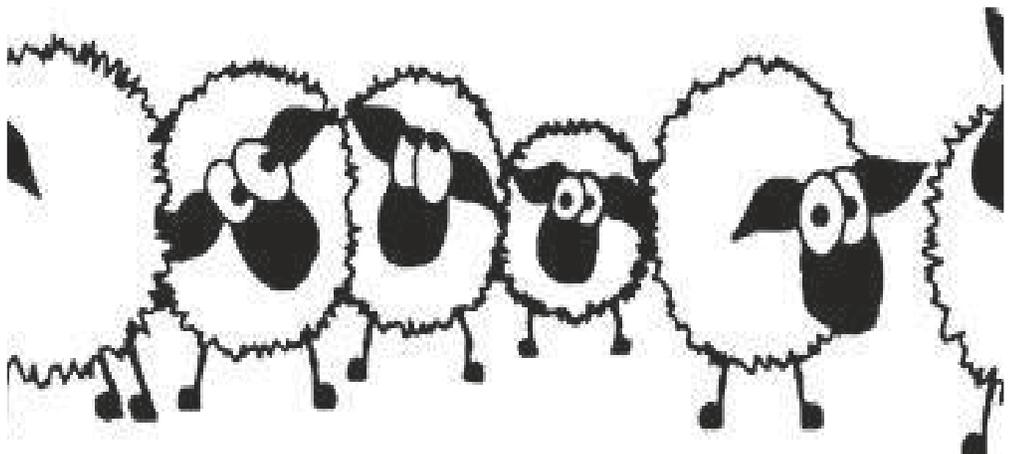
Parents must be registered members and attend a class prior to scheduling the Baptism. Contact the Parish Office for further details.

Marriage

Couples planning a marriage need to have a personal interview with the Pastor at least six months prior to the date of the wedding.



When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. — Mk 6:34



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 19th
8:00 am + Terry Lewis

Tuesday, July 20th
 8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Wednesday, July 21st
8:00 am + Nelson Bowers

Thursday, July 22nd
 8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Saturday, July 24th, 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time
4:00 pm + Christopher Buraglio

Sunday, July 25th, 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time
8:30 am + Deceased members of the Altar and Rosary Society
 10:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC



Prayers for Those in Nursing Homes
 Millie Frese, Sue Thompson

Prayers for the Sick
 Kay Bailey, Connie Brown, Evan Calvert, Susan Cooper, Phyllis Fehr, Cornelia Harpenau, Roy Harrold, Bev Hartsock, Mary Hirsch, Linda Kilgarriff, Patty Lecomte, Steve Lighthall, Mike Mannix, Tina Mannix, Jon Menter, Joni Mollet, Melissa Nagy, Fran Runyen, Bill Sargent, Angie Walden, Cale Wayne, Rita Williams, Brett Willits, Florence Workman, Charles M. Yeagle.

Collection Counters this week are **Nancy Stokowski and Pat Sartie.** Thank you for serving in this way.



Saturday, July 10th 4:00pm and Sunday, June 11th 8:30am

Sunday Collection	\$1,864.00
Envelopes	\$354.00
Loose	\$2,218.00
Maintenance Fund Collection	\$1,594.00



Stephen Joseph Smith
August 11, 1932 - July 6, 2021

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Steve Smith** who was buried from our parish this past week. Steve was a life-long member of St. John's parish, having all of his Sacraments here. He and wife Jackie have been very active members of St. John's Parish for many, many years and Steve was instrumental in helping our Parish Hall to be built. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

May he rest in God's loving peace.

Father's Day Novena Remembrances

The following were remembered in our Father's Day Novena of nine Masses: Albert Agnes, Carl Angerman, Herb Bank, Carlyle Bantner, Nik Bodine, Todd Bowers, Nelson Bowers, Sonny Buraglio, Steve Buraglio, Dave Canon, Frank Carman, Robert Coomer, Robert Creager, Joseph Dionne, Michael Dionne, Allen Finger, Darrell Finger, Ron Fryman, Will Gaddy, Paul Gaddy, David Gaddy Sr., Bob Gaddy, Felix Graczyk, James Graczyk, Leo Graczyk, Robert Graczyk, Walter Graczyk, Richard Green, Marvin Hall, Roy Harrold, Howard Hartsock, Fr. James Henning, Bill E. Hight, Henry E. Hight, Carl Holtz, James Hurley, Tom Hurley, Ron E. Ipsen, Don Jackson, Marcel Jakoby, Ted Kielar, Dr. Charles Lang, James Lang, Terrace Lang, Bryan Lonergan, Tyler Lonergan, William Lordan, Denny Madix, Sy Madix, Kyle Madix, Lloyd Mandrell, Ollie Mandrell, Adrian Mandrell, Bob Murphy, Fred Nothnagel, Vernon Nothnagel, Clarence Rader, Clarence E. Rader, Kenneth P. Redington, Kenneth C. Redington, Ricky F. Redington, Bill Schlosser, Joe Schmid, Duane Schmid, Avery Shearer, George Simon, Steve Stewart, Josh Summers, Gary Summers, Arlen Taylor, Jim Terry, Thomas Timmons, Thomas Timmons Jr., James Tomes, Richard Wagers, Antone Walters, Dick Wolfe.



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St. Bridget of Sweden c. 1303 – 23 July 1373

St. Bridget, the most celebrated saint of Sweden, was the daughter of the knight Birger Persson Finstaätten of the family of Finsta, governor and lawspeaker of Uppland, and one of the richest landowners of the country. Born as **Birgitta Birgersdotter**, she was a mystic and saint, and founder of the Bridgettine nuns and monks after the death of her husband of twenty years.

She was born in 1303 but there is no exact recording of the precise date. In 1316, at the age of 14 she married Ulf Gudmarsson, Lord of Närke, to whom she bore eight children. Six survived infancy, which was rare at that time. Her second daughter is now honored as St. Catherine of Sweden.

Bridget became known for her works of charity, particularly toward Östergötland's unwed mothers and their children. After her husband died, Birgitta became a member of the Third Order of St. Francis and devoted herself to a life of prayer and caring for the poor and the sick. It was about this time that she developed the idea of establishing the religious community which was to become the Order of the Most Holy Saviour, or the Brigittines, whose principal house at Vadstena was later richly endowed by King Magnus IV of Sweden and his queen. One distinctive feature of the houses of the Order was that they were double monasteries, with both men and women forming a joint community, though with separate cloisters. They were to live in poor convents and to give all surplus income to the poor. However, they were allowed to have as many books as they pleased.

It was not until 1370 that Pope Urban V, during his brief attempt to re-establish the papacy in Rome, confirmed the Rule of the Order. But meanwhile Birgitta had made herself universally beloved in Rome by her kindness and good works. Save for occasional pilgrimages, including one to Jerusalem in 1373, she remained in Rome until her death on July 23, 1373 urging ecclesiastical reform.

July 18, 2021

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There's an ordinary pine grove located on a tree farm not too far from town where life's stresses and demands seem to melt away. It is here that all that seemed so important out there no longer is and one can get lost in the rows of trees and majestic beauty. God is here and all is good. We need to connect with the Divine Source of all that is in order to understand what it is we are doing and why we are doing it. Otherwise, things stop making sense and bitterness can overcome one's spirit. It's okay to play once in a while and to discover that place of profound life and peace. People always have needs and there is constantly something to do. And while all of that is necessary and we are needed, there is also that inner solitude within that needs to be celebrated and released.

We all need a pine grove. It's that little place we can go and leave all that consumes us behind. It's a place where technology can be set aside and wonder, and awe given some time. We don't have to text, calculate, or orchestrate anything in the pine grove. It is a somewhat deserted place where all of that can be set aside and we can just be. The anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and occasional apathy, all can fall to the ground like all of those pine needles that once held their place on the branch of a Fraser Fir. The needles can let go. We can let go. We are beings connected with Being and we all need to remember what really matters, who really matters and what life is truly all about. We need to find that place where we can rest and let go of all of the barnacles we accumulate. Rest, breathe, seek, and love.

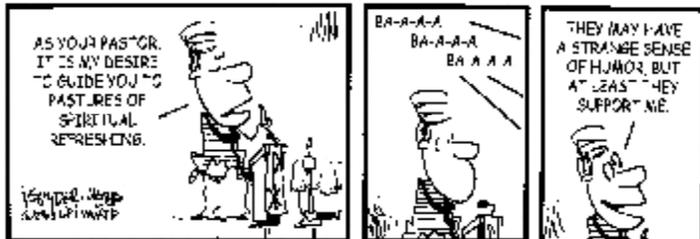
The world will need us again when we leave the pine grove. It will all be waiting for us, beckoning for our attention. But we will have prayed and will have marveled at the silence and the beauty of goodness. We can go back, ready, and eager to listen, to help, to heal, to cry, to embrace, and attend to all that is asked of us. But, having let go of the distractions in that deserted place we will have a renewed sense of purpose. We will know better Who it is we serve and what we are meant to do. It will all be clearer now that we have been Divinely touched and refreshed.

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The Job of a Shepherd

What does the image of a shepherd tell us about God's care for us? Shepherding was one of the oldest of callings in Israel, even before farming, since the Chosen People had traveled from place to place, living in tents, and driving their flocks from one pasture to another. Looking after sheep was no easy calling. It required great skill and courage. Herds were often quite large, thousands or even ten thousands of sheep. The flocks spent a good part of the year in the open country. Watching over them required a great deal of attention and care. Sheep who strayed from the flock had to be sought out and brought back by the shepherd. Since hyenas, jackals, wolves, and even bear were common and fed on sheep, the shepherds often had to do battle with these wild and dangerous beasts. A shepherd literally had to put his life on the line in defending his sheep. Shepherds took turns watching the sheep at night to ward off any attackers. The sheep and their shepherds continually lived together. Their life was so intimately bound together that individual sheep, even when mixed with other flocks, could recognize the voice of their own shepherd and would come immediately when called by name.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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