FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT † March 6, 2022



Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. - Lk 4:1-2a

Co-Cathedral of **St.John**theEvangelist A Welcoming Catholic Community in the Diocese of Winona-Rochester

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WITNESS OF BELONGING



Welcome to Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

Our parishioners, the parish staff and I, as rector, hope that your visit to our church will be a prayerful time while at the Mayo Clinic or while you are visiting our city for any other reason. We encourage you to consider the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist as your church away from home. If we may serve you with any of your needs please do not hesitate to contact us at the Parish Center.

The Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Community is committed to proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ as we partner with the city and our neighbor, the Mayo Clinic. If you have recently moved to our city and desire to join the parish community, please find a form on our web page and register as a member. Together we pray that the Holy Spirit will lead us in being a welcoming Catholic community.

> Fr. Jerry Mahon Rector

Dear Baptized companions on the journey:

As you may recall, this past weekend Deacon Randy shared with us about the adults in RCIA already baptized in another faith tradition and how they have been walking with Teresa and Deacon Randy for several months. They desire to profess their faith in the Catholic Church and be received into the community and fully participate by celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist. It is always an awakening for all of us as we share in their excitement and commitment in this walk of engagement and continue to discover the beauty of our baptismal belonging, which they give such a profound witness to by saying "yes". It is a grace for me and all of us to experience this new life with them.

During the past days, I have been visiting with Megan about some children who also desire Baptism. My conversation with Megan focused on four children who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil as they are not babies. Normally, the Baptisms at the Easter Vigil are for those who will also be ready to receive Eucharist. One of the amazing factors is the reality that they come from four different countries: South Sudan, Mexico, Korea and Cambodia. This diversity is an enormous gift as we ready ourselves to welcome all of them into our community and recognize the wonder of different cultures, ethnicity, and the call to unity in the embrace of Jesus Christ risen from the dead. One of these young people is a 9th grader and he has been inspired by other students which brought him to ask for Baptism.

St. Paul speaks of baptism as he wrote: "[You] have been seized and made one with Christ" (ref. Phil 3:12). We have been seized. "You did not choose Me, but I chose you," Jesus says (John 15:16). Choosiness is our posture, and this election changes our lives as we continually discover a presence that is beyond limitations. Christ is always inviting us to a maturity unto eternity. Father Luigi Giussani states: "This is an objective choice that we can never rid ourselves of again; it is a penetration of our being that does not depend on us and that we can no longer erase." People often speak of wanting to discover their identity and to know who we are. This baptismal belonging is our identity but there is a work that each of us must do to stay alert and engaged with the dignity that changes our lives. It breaks my heart to have so many experiences in which it is obvious that people no longer experience a presence, and that they have no clue of being seized. However, there are surprises all of the time where someone is moved by the Mystery and once again has a longing to search for the meaning of their identity in being chosen.

Giussani continues: "There is nothing culturally more revolutionary than this conception of the person, whose meaning, whose substance is unity with Christ, with an Other, and through this, a unity with all those whom He seizes, with all those whom the Father puts into His hands." The call is selfawareness as we come to know deeply: "It is no longer I who live, but it is You who live in me" (ref Gal 2:20). This statement from St. Paul reveals an enormous self-awareness in being a new person. It is so significant to know and speak about an experience of the presence of Christ, to know in a simple and new way that presence on our journey of life. And this occurs in the concrete and real awareness of hearing our name and knowing a truth that we encounter in the here and now. Our journey of Lent is an important 11 4th Avenue SW · Rochester, MN 55902

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time to open ourselves and be ready for the surprise, to meet the face of Christ that our very being longs for now.

Lastly, I want to express my gratitude to Deacon Randy for his homily last weekend in which he invites us to join with one another in support of the Church of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester. Bishop Quinn does not have a community in which he receives an offering every week, but he comes to us once a year asking for our generosity to support the many ways in which the diocese reaches out and helps all of us. Basically, his staff of men and women need to be paid and receive benefit, this is a major portion of the budget.

Every year we come to you for your participation, and I so desire to increase the number of parishioners participating in this most important work of the Church. I most sincerely thank you for your sacrifice and way to remember the diocese and support the bishop in his office and to help him address the many needs of thousands of people. I have made my gift and am asking you to act and offer your treasure.

Blessings for our hearts on our journey to Jerusalem,

Father Jerry Mahon Rector/Pastor

REFLECTIONS ON LENT & EASTER THROUGH CLASSICAL ART

The Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist invites you to join us as we reflect on the meaning of Lent and the events of Easter through a detailed study of Classical Art. Join Dr. Ulrike McGregor, Ph.D. MFA as she discusses pieces by Caravaggio, Michelangelo, Veronese and others. The workshops will take place at the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on Thursday evenings from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

	· March 24th
• March 10th	• March 31st
• March 17th	· April 7th

Come in person or connect with us online via facebook.com/ cocathedralofstjohn. No registration required. Contact Michelle Schmid at mschmid@sj.org with questions.

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD 2022

The Co-Cathedral will be open for Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation for 24 hours from Friday, March 18th at 4:00pm until Benediction on Saturday March 19th at 4:00pm. Watch out for more information and the opportunity to sign up in the coming weeks.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

For more ways to enhance your Lent, check out sj.org/Lenten-opportunities/.



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MASS SCHEDULE Weekends: Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 9:30 & 11:15 am & 5:00 pm Weekdays: Mon.-Fri 12:10 pm

RECONCILIATION Thursdays 11:30 am—12:00 noon Saturdays 3:30 -4:00 pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Wednesdays 3:00-4:00 pm

PARISH CENTER HOURS Mon.-Thur. 8:00 am—4:30 pm Fri. 8:00 am—2:00 pm

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome and invite all new parishioners. Pick up a registration form from the Parish Center or fill one out on our web page www.sj.org.

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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

BAPTISM

Baptism parent preparation is for each child as you anticipate celebrating the sacrament. The next gathering will be **Tuesday**, April **5**, 2022. We encourage attendance in Baptism Formation prior to the birth of your child. Contact Megan Rodriguez 288-7372, ext. 4503 for registering & scheduling.

Seekers and RCIA

If you're interested in learning more about Christianity, looking to become Catholic, or hoping to receive Confirmation as an adult, we want to accompany you as you grow in faith. Please contact Deacon Randy Horlocker at (507) 288-7372, ext. 4501 or rhorlocker@sj.org.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Center six months prior to the date of the marriage for preparation requirements.

FAITH FORMATION

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1st Reconciliation:

2nd Grade, winter

1st Eucharist:

2nd Grade, spring Confirmation: 9th/10th Grade

9th Grade preparation begins with Year I 10th Grade preparation continues with Year II, confirmation in spring.

Grades K-8:

Wednesday evenings, (Sept.-April) 6:00-7:00 pm in the school. Contact Sharie Furst 288-7372 ext. 4510.

ADULT

Bible Study:

Weekly studies that take a dive into our faith and offer companionship as you learn more about what it is we believe.

Tuesdays, 10:00 am. or 7:30 pm (Year round over Zoom)

Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30pm. (Sept.-Mar. over Zoom)

Watch the bulletin for programs offered to enrich the faith of adults of all ages.

For more information contact Michelle Schmid at mschmid@sj.org or 507-288-7372 ext. 4518.

Welcome to the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist CO-CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

SUNDAY LIVE STREAMED MASS FROM THE CO-CATHEDRAL

If you are unable to attend Mass in person, join us for the Sunday Mass at 9:30am through a live stream on either facebook or YouTube. The facebook stream can be found at: <u>https://www.facebook.com/cocathedralofstjohn/</u>. The YouTube live stream (which can also be accessed to watch the Mass later) can be found at: <u>https://tinyurl.com/sjeyoutube</u>.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send prayer requests to stjohn@sj.org and we would be happy to hold you in prayer.

CHURCH HOURS:

8am-5pm Monday-Friday 3pm-5:30pm - Saturday 9am-1pm and 4pm-6pm on Sundays

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES OR ELECTRONIC GIVING

To keep the much-needed donation consistency for the operation of our Church, please consider mailing in your weekly envelopes or signing up for the convenience of Electronic Giving. It's easy and it's free. Simply go to our website, sj.org and click on *Menu* and then *Contribute*. From there you will create a sign-in and password. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Luke Miksanek at (507) 288-7372 x4502 or lmiksanek@sj.org.

SECOND COLLECTION-ST. JOHN'S CHARITY FUND

This weekend's second collection goes to serve those who come to the church seeking help. We appreciate any generosity to support this effort of welcoming the poor in our midst.

LENT/EASTER FLORAL MEMORIALS

We invite you to remember or honor a loved one by making an offering for the flowers that will beautify our parish during the Easter season. Envelopes are available in the pews and at the parish center, and you may return them in the collection basket or at the parish center. A memorial insert will be included in the bulletin dated May 29 (Ascension of the Lord). Thank you for helping to create a beautiful environment for prayer and worship.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLW)

Children ages 3-6 are invited to participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) which is beginning this Sunday, March 6th! It will be offered during Lent at the 9:30am Mass. There is no registration. Children do not need to sign up to participate. They should sit with their family for the start of Mass. Before the First Reading the priest will dismiss the children and the leaders. Children go back to the Chapel. They return right after the intercessions. Together we will hear the readings and the Gospel from the Children's Lectionary. We will talk about the readings together and pray together. We can always use more volunteers, especially as we reintroduce this ministry, please contact Megan Rodriguez at mrodriguez@sj.org if you are interested in volunteering or have any questions regarding CLW.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Join us for VBS June 27-July 1 from 9:15-11:00am at St. Pius X! We are so excited to invite children ages 3 through the 4th grade to participate in VBS this summer. Once again, we will be partnering with St. Pius X to offer VBS and it will be taking place on their campus. You can register participants and sign up to volunteer online here: https://docs.google.com/forms/ d/1cRwBj--941MxaVQd6LpA7FP0rUfgzGu6_GQJCoXQ6TE/edit? usp=sharing

Contact Megan Rodriguez with any questions about participating or volunteering at mrodriguez@sj.org.

CAMP SUMMIT - AUGUST 1-4

Are you planning for summer yet!? We would love for your middle schooler to join us at Camp Summit 2022 this summer! Camp Summit is an overnight Catholic adventure camp for middle school youth entering grades 6-8. Nestled



in the bluffs of Lanesboro, Minnesota, Camp Summit provides a fun, formative, and faith-filled experience for parish groups throughout the Diocese of Winona-Rochester. St. John's is excited to bring a parish group this year and would love to share more information with you. Please reach out to Megan Rodriguez at mrodriguez@sj.org if you have a child interested in joining us or if you are an adult interested in helping at Camp Summit! You can find more information here: https://www.campsummitwinona.org/

HEARING GOD'S VOICE WORKSHOP

In many walks of life, we are blessed to meet with people as representatives of God and ambassadors of God's love. Providing opportunities for others to share how they have come to know God, including their cherished faith practices, their experiences of being called to be in the world, their joys, struggles, and life-learned wisdom can be a profound gift to them. These experiences can also deepen our own understanding of those we serve, ourselves and our God.

Kate Piderman, a chaplain and researcher at Mayo Clinic and a spiritual director, will present the way she and her team have gathered spiritual stories from those who are ill and invite us to consider how we might adapt this work to listening more deeply to those we encounter, personally and professionally, and to our own prayer and discernment. The next workshop will be on Saturday, March 19th at 10:00am. Register by emailing Michelle Schmid at mschmid@sj.org.

Synod Corner:

(Hear how our parish responded to the synod questions)

The Eucharist is our Summit, it sets us apart. It IS Jesus, not just a symbol. He gave us Eucharist to continue along the journey and said "I will be with you always."

The Eucharist is the food of the Church.

Readings for the week of March 6, 2022

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13 Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46 **Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1 -2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12 Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/ Mt 5:43-48 Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7 -8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/ Lk 9:28b-36 ©Liturgical Publications Inc.

Mass Intentions

	Saturday, March 5		
	4:30 pm	Michael Kleinschmidt †	
	Sunday, March 6		
	9:30 am	Martha & Maurice	
		Nsameluh †	
	11:15 am	Susyana Lukminto	
	5:00 pm	Joe, Donald, & Alice	
		Schmitt †	
Monday, March 7			
	12:10 pm	Souls in Purgatory †	
	Tuesday, March 8		
	12:10 pm	Vonny Lukminto	
	Wednesday, March 9		
	12:10 pm	Marilyn Dahl †	
Thursday, March 10			
	8:30 am	Mike Carroll †	
	12:10 pm	Nemesio Domingo †	
	Friday, March 11		
	12:10 pm	Jesus of Great Power	
	Saturday, March 12		
	4:30 pm	People of the Parish	
	Sunday, March 13		
	9:30 am	Jerry Stolp †	
	11:15 am	Martha & Maurice	
		Nsameluh †	
	5:00 pm	Jeff Ruhland †	

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 6

9:30 am Mass with CLW 11:15 am Mass 5:00 pm Mass **Monday, March 7** 12:10 pm Mass **Tuesday, March 8** 10:00 am Virtual Bible Study 12:10 pm Mass **Wednesday, March 9** 12:10 pm Mass 3:00-4:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm Faith Formation 6:00 pm Confirmation Year II 7:30 pm Virtual Bible Study 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 10

8:30 am	School Mass
9:00 am	Catechesis of the Good
	Shepherd
11:30 am	Confession
12:10 pm	Mass
6:00 pm	Art Reflection Series
6:30 pm	RCIA
7:00 pm	CL School of Community

Friday, March 11

12:10 pm Mass 5:15 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 12

3:30 pm Confession 4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, March 13

9:30 am Synod Mass with Bishop Quinn
11:15 am Mass
5:00 pm Mass
5:05 pm Confirmation Year I
6:00 pm Confirmation Year II



Want to hear Sunday's homily? Go to our website at *www.sj.org/homilies*

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Continue to learn over the next few weeks about how your gift helps make a variety of ministries possible. Thanks to you, nineteen men are currently discerning the vocation to the priesthood. More than 4,600 children in our Catholic schools are being formed in lives of faith and virtue. Additionally, hundreds of students on our college campuses receive formation as disciples of Christ, with the help of Newman Centers and FOCUS missionaries. Please give generously to this year's Appeal. To give online, visit www.catholicfsmn.org

IN THE COMMUNITY

IHM SEMINARY COME AND SEE

The Immaculate Heart of Mary seminary is hosting two weekends for men to visit the seminary March 12-14 and March 19-21. Men high school age or older are invited for a fun, informational, and prayerful weekend. Contact Fr. Jason Kern at jkern@dowr.org to register.

THE NEST PRESCHOOL AT RCS IS EXPANDING IN 2022-2023!

The Nest preschool at Rochester Catholic Schools is growing and will feature expanded offerings including programs at all five of our convenient RCS locations for the fall of 2022. New offerings include an all-day Pre-Kindergarten (Age 4) program at our St. Francis of Assisi and Lourdes High School campuses. In addition, we have added a Preschool (Age 3) classroom at the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Middle School, and opened an Early Preschool (Age 2) program at Holy Spirit Catholic School! Our classrooms are filling - learn more and register today by visiting rcsmn.org/ thenest

#MERCYINMOTION CAMPAIGN-GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (Jn 4:13-14). This week, answer Christ's call to Give Drink to the Thirsty by 1) Using Lectio Divina to pray with the story of the Woman at the Well; 2) Drinking only water for a day (no other beverages) or making a conscious effort to conserve water when you shower or brush your teeth; 3) Giving the gift of water by supporting the work of Catholic Relief Services in digging wells in other countries. For more ideas on how to put Christ's Mercy in Motion this Lent, visit www.ccsomn.org/mercyinmotion.

WINTER CHILL "VERSO L'ALTO" (TO THE HEIGHTS!) Friday, March 12th 7:00-11pm at St. Pius X

The Catholic parishes in Rochester invite all 6-8th graders to an evening of fun where they'll learn about Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati, pray, play games, dance, eat, run through the inflatable obstacle course, serve, and more! Cost is \$20 if you register by March 9th and \$30 if you register after March 9th (so sign up early!) You can register for Winter Chill online here: https://www.uniterochestermn.org/

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES DIAPER DRIVE MARCH 1-31, 2022

Catholic Charities supports women who are pregnant or have a baby under a year old. They are often in need of baby items! Would you help us stock our shelves so we can continue providing baby necessities all year?

We are in need of:

Diapers sizes 1-6

Wipes

Baby lotion and shampoo

Thank you for your generous support! Collection sites are at Pax Christi Catholic Church or the Catholic Charities Office.

JOINT RELIGIOUS LEGISLATIVE COALITION "DAY ON THE HILL : FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

You are invited to join faith-based legislative advocacy to help struggling Minnesotans.

JRLC Online Evening 'Day on the Hill' Tuesday, March 15: For Such a Time as This

The Joint Religious Legislative Coalition invites you to be part of the online, evening 'Day on the Hill' Tuesday, March 15 beginning at 6:30 PM. Be inspired by the keynote Maharat Rori Picker Neiss, an Orthodox religious leader and Executive Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council, St. Louis. Learn about the 2022 legislative priorities, and be equipped to meet with your state legislators. Make a difference – and make connections between charity and justice – for your neighbors. Trainings available prior to Day on the Hill. Register at https://jrlc.org/2022-day-on-the-hill. Questions: contact Joan Miltenberger, Statewide Organizer, jmiltenberger@jrlc.org or 612-230-3232.

CRS RICE BOWL-THE PILLARS OF LENT

As we begin our Lenten journey, reflect on how your prayers, fasting and almsgiving can guide you. As Pope Francis explains, these are "elements which, when lived sincerely, can transform life and provide a sure foundation for dignity and fraternity." How can practicing the Lenten pillars transform your life and the lives of our sisters and brothers around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Prayer to Begin CRS Rice Bowl

Lord Jesus, you call us to a conversion of heart during Lent, and you give us the tools to do this through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

When we pray, help us remember the needs of our sisters and brothers. When we fast, help us offer our sacrifice in union with you.

When we give, help us recognize our gifts are from you so that we are generous with others.

May our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl enable us to follow you more faithfully and love our neighbor more fully.

Guide us throughout these 40 days so that we may be joined more closely to you when we arrive at the joyful celebration of Easter. Amen



CANOPY CANDLES March 5-11, 2022

In loving memory of Connie Stevermer †

For the Healing of Susyana Lukminto

In Prayer for the People of Ukraine

Canopy candles are located above the baptismal font and are lit for one week for an offering of \$25. It is a beautiful way to honor a special person or occasion. Visit www.sj.org for the candle request forms. Gift cards are available in the Parish Center.

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