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WITNESS OF BELONGING



Welcome to the 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







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"He will provide the way and the means, such as you could never have imagined. Leave it all to Him, let go of yourself. Lose yourself on the Cross, and you will find yourself entirely." – St. Catherine of Siena

This quote sums up what the experience of Holy Week and the Easter Triduum means to me. Each year, I come to retreat, reflect, and remember. When I fully enter into this experience, I get swept up in God's love, leaving it all to Him, losing myself on the Cross, and finding myself entirely in the Resurrection.

Retreat–For me, a retreat is an opportunity to disconnect from our worldly lives, free ourselves from distractions, and enter into intentional prayer. During this time, I pray for myself, the ones I love, the whole world, and even my enemies. I spend time in silence listening to God speaking to me. I find stillness letting God's love consume me.

Holy Week and the Easter Triduum offer ample opportunities to enter into a fruitful retreat. For the past several years, I've volunteered for the music ministry at St. John's. I play the flute and sing in the choir. Being part of the music has conditioned me to treat the Triduum as one continuous service, a 3-day retreat, beginning on Holy Thursday with the Last Supper commemoration followed by the withdrawal into the Garden of Gethsemane, a rendition arranged in the gathering space.

We leave from here in silence and return the next day journeying with the Cross through the streets of downtown Rochester as we contemplate the road to Golgotha. When we enter into the church sanctuary on Good Friday, we come solemnly and ready to lose ourselves on the Cross as we ponder Christ's Passion.

Reflect-Holy Saturday, also known as the Easter Vigil, is our invitation to keep the vigil outside Christ's tomb as we await His glorious Resurrection. At St. John's, the Easter Vigil Mass is an amazing celebration. I've always loved the music, and much of the Mass is sung.

The Mass begins in darkness in the gathering space. As the Easter Candle is blessed and lit, representing the Light of Christ, we light candles one-by-one that each person holds as we process into the church. The flame symbolizes Christ's victory. As the trumpets and organ play a triumphant fanfare, I can't help but imagine we are exalted to heaven in this moment.

Additionally, the Easter Vigil Mass poses an awareness that all of this Triduum stuff isn't just something that happened once upon a time in history. Seeds are constantly being planted and sown across every nation. We come together in solidarity as a universal church to reflect and thank God for His goodness to us. We let go of ourselves to become part of the One Body.

Remember–The Easter Triduum reminds me who I am, a beloved daughter of the King, who died for me, and rose on the third day, so that I might have eternal life. We are all beloved children of God, and we're reminded of who we are at every Mass.

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Particularly this reminder chimes audibly in the Easter Vigil Mass as we renew our Baptismal promises and witness RCIA candidates make their profession of faith for the first time. I love how everyone applauses as we welcome our new members into the community. I imagine all the angels and saints exuberantly cheering for them, as surely must happen every time we poor sinners repent and return to God with all our hearts.

The party continues on Easter Sunday as we gather again for Holy Mass. It is yet another occasion to assemble as a family and celebrate the victory won for us – He is risen!

As a single woman, I'm tempted to feel lonely from time to time. Surely, the isolation and social distancing resulting from the pandemic these past two years have been trying times for many humans. We must remember that we're never alone. My comfort and hope comes from the realization that God is with me, and I belong to His Catholic Church. Every time I engage in Mass and the Sacraments or in activities at my parish, I remember that God loves me. Living in this truth is where I find myself entirely.

During this Holy Week, I pray that you will open your hearts to retreat, reflect, and remember, so that you may also experience all the beauty and grace God desires to give you throughout the Triduum. May God bless you, and may you remember always that you are the beloved sons and daughters of Christ the King.

Melissa Schmid Parishioner

WAY OF THE CROSS

Walk with Christ on the Way of the Cross through Downtown Rochester, with scripture, poetry, song, and silence. We will stop at four stations throughout the city on **Good Friday, April 15, 2022, at 4:00 pm (gather at 3:50)**. The procession will start at the main entrance to the Government Center at 201 Fourth Street SE and will proceed to the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 11 Fourth Avenue SW, where a Good Friday Service will follow at 5:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

<u>Communal Reconciliation</u> April 10th at 3:30pm <u>Holy Thursday</u> Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00pm (No 12:10pm Mass, No 11:30am Confessions) <u>Good Friday</u> Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 12:10pm & 5:30pm <u>Holy Saturday</u> the Great Vigil - 8:00pm (No 4:30pm Mass or 3:30pm <u>Confessions</u>) <u>Easter Sunday</u> - 9:30am, 11:15am, & 5:00pm

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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 <u>www.sj.org</u>.

PARISH STAFF

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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, May 17, 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

YOUTH

Rochester Catholic Schools: 507-424-1817 Co-Cathedral of SJE Middle School: 507-282-5248

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

Adult Formation intends to invite people into a relationship with Jesus that is informed by Church teachings and to equip individuals to share God's message of love. There are countless opportunities to participate. Contact Michelle Schmid at mschmid@sj.org or 507-288-7372 ext. 4518 to learn about opportunities.

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STEWARDSHIP

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, <u>sj.org</u> 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.

LENTEN/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.

HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION

At the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the collection will be held for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Through your support, this society helps provide service to neighbors in need and to address systemic causes for poverty, suffering, and loneliness. You can learn more about the St. Vincent de Paul Society by attending a meeting of our parish chapter. Watch the parish calendar for meeting times.

CHURCH HOURS

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

The contributions you make through the Pontifical Good Friday collection make possible the programs that support Christians in the Holy Land. Our sisters and brothers there depend on your generosity. This year, more than ever, we ask that you pledge your assistance to the people living there and those ministering in the land Jesus made holy.

EUCHARIST TO THE HOMEBOUND

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith tradition. Each week parishioners visit the homebound and care centers. In their visits they share prayer, visit about what is happening in our parish and community along with bringing the Eucharist to them. If you know of a person who is not able to come to Mass, we have a number of parishioners who are available to bring communion to your family member, neighbor or friend. Call Cindy Paz at 288-7372 ext. 4505.

CRS RICE BOWL - SHARING GOD'S LOVE

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. –John 3:16 As we enter Holy Week, we remember how our Lord suffered and died so that each and every one of us might be saved from sin and have eternal life. Reflect on God's infinite love for you. How have you responded to that love this Lent, and how can you share it with others? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more. You can give to our parish fund here:

https://mobilizecrs.donordrive.com/team/CoCathedralSJE

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PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS

Last weekend, our Confirmation Year II students embarked on a mini-pilgrimage to St. Pius. Along the way, they took time to pray for the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit in preparation for receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on May 1st. We too, can pray for all those receiving sacraments in our parish this year, whether at the Easter Vigil on April 16th, on May 1st, or on April 14-15th when students will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join us for VBS June 27-July 1 from 9:15-11:00 am 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: <u>https://bit.ly/37lteWn</u>. Contact Megan Rodriguez with any questions about participating or volunteering at <u>mrodriguez@sj.org</u>.

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: <u>https://www.campsummitwinona.org/</u>

SYNOD CORNER

"Feels like older people stereotype you and won't listen honestly."

"Liturgy and prayer are a hopeful sustenance, a consistent reminder that we are destined for more."



PARISH SYNOD UPDATE

The full report for our parish synod is available at <u>http://sj.org/parish-</u> <u>synod/</u>. The journey isn't over, even thought he official report is finished. Share your thoughts online with us. Since we had to provide a condensed version of the meeting in our report, each week we will highlight thoughts heard during the synod.

MASS READINGS 5 WEEK OF APRIL 10

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/ls 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/ Ps 116:12-13, 15-16abc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15 **Friday:** Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2,

6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42 **Saturday:** Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30]/Ps 33:4-5, 6-7,

14, 24, 35 [30]/PS 33.4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18/22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/PS 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15-15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/ls 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/ls 55:1-11/ls 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Lk 24:1-1

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/ Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, Lk 24:13-3

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 9

4:30 pm Timothy Soewito Sunday, April 10 9:30 am Martha & Maurice Nsameluh + Marisa Martin + 11:15 am 5:00 pm People of the Parish Monday, April 11 12:10 pm Loreta L. De Marco Tuesday, April 12 12:10 pm Jim Vinson + Wednesday, April 13 12:10 pm Soewito Family Thursday, April 14 7:00 pm Mary Sciallis + Friday, April 15 Saturday, April 16 8:00 pm People of the Parish Sunday, April 17 9:30 am Vonny Lukmito 11:15 am Martha & Maurice Nsameluh + 5:00 pm Mary Jo Martin +

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PARISH CALENDAR

Palm Sunday, April 10

9:30 am Mass 11:15 am Mass 3:30 pm Reconciliation Service 5:00 pm Mass 5:05 pm Confirmation Year I 6:00 pm Confirmation Year II Monday, April 11 12:10 pm Mass Tuesday, April 12 10:00 am Virtual Bible Study 12:10 pm Mass 7:30 pm Virtual Bible Study Wednesday, April 13 12:10 pm Mass 3:00-4:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm Reconciliation 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Holy Thursday, April 14 9:00 am Catechesis of the **Good Shepherd** 7:00 pm Holy Thursday Mass Good Friday, April 15 12:10 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:50 pm Way of the Cross 5:30 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion Holy Saturday, April 16 8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass Easter Sunday, April 17 9:30 am Mass 11:15 am Mass 5:00 pm Mass

> Listen to Sunday's homily at <u>sj.org/homilies/</u>

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LAUDATO SI LENT WITH THE IGNATIAN SOLIDARITY NETWORK

The Laudato Si Action Platform (LSAP) is Pope Francis' guidelines for implementing "Care for Our Common Home". Our Lenten reflections lead us to action on behalf of our common home and all life. LSAP Goal 7 Community resilience and empowerment envisage a synodal journey of community engagement and participatory action at various levels. What steps do we need to take in order to enroll in the Laudato Si' Action Platform? Who would be involved in such an effort? How do we already promote empowerment and advocacy? What additional ideas do you have to promote community resilience and empowerment in our faith community, and beyond to the wider community? God of resurrection, we ask for the grace to collaborate with members of our community and all people who are working towards ecological justice and restoration. We pray for the spirit of discernment as we consider how our unique talents and vocations can support our community in this endeavor. Through our own discernment and engagement, we pray that we can empower others to see their own gifts and to act for ecological justice. God of justice, may we as a community commit ourselves to advocacy and action as we more firmly root ourselves in the care of our common home, both locally and globally.

Hearing the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor, as we enter Holy Week, prepare to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection, and approach Earth Day 2022, what is one action, from each of the 7 Laudato Si Goals, you would like to help implement to restore new life to "Our Common Home"? Laudato Si Action Platform Enrollment:

https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/register/

#MERCYINMOTION CAMPAIGN-GIVE ALMS TO THE POOR

"I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest; for those others have all made offerings from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood" (Lk. 21: 3-4). This week, answer Christ's call to Give Alms to the Poor by 1) Using Lectio Divina to pray with the Judgement of the Nations (Mt. 25: 31-46); 2) Fasting from any unnecessary spending this week; 3) Giving to anti-poverty organizations such as Catholic Charities, Catholic Relief Services, and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. For more ideas on how to put Christ's Mercy in Motion this Lent, visit <u>www.ccsomn.org/mercyinmotion</u>

APRIL ROCHESTER ROSARY RALLIES

NO Rosary Rally at the Government Center on Easter Sunday, April 17 and Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24. Weekly Rosary Rallies for our country, conversion, and peace continue through Palm Sunday, April 10, and after the 2-week break will once again resume on Sunday, May 1 at 3:00 pm near the Rochester Government Center at the corner of 4th St. SE and 3rd Ave. SE. They last 35 minutes and include the Patriotic Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Families are welcome. Please join us. Questions: Contact Janela Hubka at <u>daveandjanela@gmail.com</u> or 507-282-6090.

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CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Through your support, the Catholic Ministries Appeal funds diocesan-led ministries throughout the 20 counties of southern Minnesota. Thank you for providing opportunities to thousands of people to draw closer to Christ because of your generosity. If you haven't already contributed, please return your CMA pledge card or give online at <u>www.catholicfsmn.org</u>.

THE DIVINITY OF CHRIST WITH SIR RAYMOND DE SOUZA

Come to St James Coffee House on Wednesday, April 13th, at 6:00 pm, and hear Raymond de Souza, international speaker on Catholic Apologetics and Pro-Life issues, ex-director of the office for evangelization of the Winona Diocese. Raymond has returned to live in Rochester and in his presentations he puts Logic at the Service of the Faith. Come early to enjoy St. James' excellent coffee!

DIOCESAN CHRISM MASS

The Diocese of Winona-Rochester will be celebrating the Chrism Mass on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 4:00 pm at Pax Christi Church in Rochester. Bishop Quinn will bless the oil of the catechumens, the oil of the infirm, and the holy chrism which will be used throughout the year in administering sacraments. All are welcome to participate in the celebration.

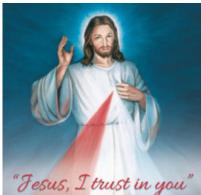
TENEBRAE SERVICE AT PAX CHRISTI

Pax Christi Church will present "Song of the Shadows," a Tenebrae service featuring music by Joseph Martin on Wednesday, April 13th at 7:00 pm. This dramatic work reflects on the life of Christ from His entrance into Jerusalem to His passion on the cross. This service includes powerful music by choir, orchestra, and soloists with dramatic readings. Join us in this great opportunity to prepare for the Sacred Triduum.

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY AT CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

Sunday. April 24th join us in celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday.
12:45pm - Video about St. Faustina in Zenk Hall

2:00pm to 4:00pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Quiet Prayer, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Benediction in the Church.





If you are unable to attend Mass in person, join us on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Youtube</u> to participate virtually. Sunday Mass is livestreamed each week at 9:30 am.



CANOPY CANDLES Week of April 9-15, 2022

In Loving Memory of Ken Herman |

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 <u>www.sj.org</u> for the candle request forms. Gift cards are available in the Parish Center.





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