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Dear Friends in Christ,

The day has arrived! The students are excited, but a little nervous. They have worked hard and have looked forward to this day for quite some time. We see the girls in their white dresses and and the boys in their shirts and ties. They process into church, hands folded, pausing to genuflect, and then turn and enter their pew. Their growing understanding and knowledge of their Catholic Faith has prepared them to participate in their First Eucharist celebration. But what has led up to this special and important day? How have they changed from the beginning of Sacramental Preparation to now?

Oh, what a journey they have been on! So many people have helped them on their path to be ready for this important sacrament. They have come closer to Christ. They have learned more about Jesus, the Last Supper, Good Friday, and the Mystery of our Faith along with so much more. When the students were asked how they had changed, one child replied "I feel more grown up." Another "I go to confession and obey the Ten Commandments before I receive Jesus into me."

A second grader commented with the resonating question "I know Jesus died for us, but how could someone love someone else so much to die for them when they have never met?" And yes, when one thinks of that, it's hard to imagine someone dying to save someone else, even if they had met. But Jesus does know us, better than anyone else does. He not only knows us but loves us more than we can imagine. An even harder concept for these young students to understand is how the bread and wine are transformed into Jesus' Body and Blood. Many adults can also grapple with this Mystery. Yet, it is our Catholic faith. It is what we teach our young First Communicants to believe. As Catholics, this truth IS central to our faith. Just as we must use our faith to understand the miracles Jesus performed when He was here on earth, we can use our faith to believe in the action of the Holy Spirit and real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist. We also know that it is what Jesus told his Apostles at the Last Supper, saying in the Gospel of John "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me" (John 14: 1).





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











CO-CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Parents, grandparents, and other family members along with catechists, teachers, lay people and priests have a challenge to help these young students understand - this miracle of the Eucharist is one of the great mysteries of our faith. But this is what unites us as every day, all around the world, Mass is celebrated, we pray the Eucharistic prayer, and when we receive the Body of Christ and respond, "Amen", meaning "We Believe!"

Sharie Furst Formation Director

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THOSE RECEIVING THEIR FIRST EUCHARIST THIS WEEKEND!

Gabriella Bloomfield Avery Bowe Jacob Cardenas Cecilia Cerra John Cook Kiran Cummins Brendan Dunlay Stella Eleid Paolo Franchi Allison Guenzel Vincent Haselkorn Stella Huberty
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Evelyn Leasure
Yoonsung Lee
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Gabriel Lichner
Grayson McGuire
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Elizabeth Pool
Nicolau Prat-Wacek
Philna Ranisi Dzelamu

Gregory Robinson
Augustine Rodriguez
Lucia Rodriguez-Porcel
Colton Sampson
Alexis Sanchez
Isabella Sanchez
Noah Struss
Sam Torborg
James Vlazny
Farah Wahbi
Ranya Wahbi



WEBSITE OPTIMIZATION

As we continue to respond to the needs of our parish, we are assessing and reflecting on making conscious improvements to the parish website to better accommodate parishioners and visitors to our parish. Our focus is to increase how user-friendly our website is. Please contact Michelle Schmid at mschmid@sj.org if you have further questions about the process.

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507-288-7372 - Parish Center

www.sj.org stjohn@sj.org Most Reverend John M. Quinn Bishop of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends: Saturday 4:30 pm Sunday 9:30 & 11:15 am & 5:00 pm Weekdays: Mon.-Thurs 12:10 pm

Fri. Word/Communion 12:10 pm

RECONCILIATION

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
1st, 2nd, & 4th Fridays: 4:00pm-5:00pm

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.si.org.

PARISH STAFF

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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.

SACRAMENTAL

PREPARATION

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:

May 14 & 15, 2022

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.

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>si.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 linksanek@sj.org.

MAY 22ND SECOND COLLECTION FOR CALVARY CEMETERY

Calvary Cemetery is a reflection of the community it serves and a gathering of souls from various callings and backgrounds. Join us on May 22nd in our second collection to support Calvary Cemetery. Learn more online at <u>calvarycemeteryrochester.wordpress.com</u>

ALTAR SERVER ORIENTATION - MAY 18TH

Calling any student in grade 4 and up who is interested in participating as an Altar Server to join us on Wednesday, May 18th for orientation and a refresher on training. Previously trained servers and new servers are welcome to gather in the church at 4;00pm for the group training. Thank you for serving our parish! We appreciate your help in this important role.

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.

JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY SUNDAYS!

Have you been missing solid community with your fellow parishioners after mass with some good old coffee and donuts? Be sure to come along for some conversation on the weekend of May 21-22nd after all masses! We will be reflecting on our experience at mass with the following questions, so come prepared to share what moves you!

- 1. What part of the mass speaks to you or did you find intriguing today?
- 2. Why do you receive the Eucharist?
- 3. How has today's mass inspired you to look at your daily life differently? We will be having hospitality in the Fellowship area on Saturday and in the school gym on Sunday. Be sure to stop by and reconnect! Community Sundays will be happening the 4th Sunday of the month during the summer. Want to help with hospitality? Check out the sign-up form here: https://bit.ly/3L2om6S

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Co-Cathedral is adopting a new weekly adoration time! Join the Lay Carmelites in praying before the Blessed Sacrament on the **first**, **second**, **and fourth Fridays** of the month from **4:00pm to 5:00pm**. Come and adore the Lord! Interested in volunteering as a sub for the hour of prayer? Contact the parish office.



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

RADIANCE HOLY HOUR

Our next parish Holy Hour is almost here! Join us on **Friday May 20th from 7:00pm to 8:00pm** for an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. We will be gathering in the chapel to adore the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration and communal prayer. All are welcome! Contact Michelle Schmid at mschmid@sj.org if you'd like to get involved with the planning of these monthly holy hours or if you have questions!

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth." -St. Teresa of Calcutta

SUMMER PLAYLIST FOR ADULTS

In continuation of our synod mentality, all adults are invited to participate in any of our summer playlist activities. As we reach toward eternal life, let's consider how we are experiencing, living, and sharing our faith to draw ourselves and others towards Christ. Our summer playlist is an opportunity for fun activity and reflection as we come together to experience, live, and share our stories with each other. Sign up for any gatherings you are able to attend. Learn more and sign up online or by contacting Michelle Schmid at mschmid@sj.org.

Our first activity is **Bluebell Beauty: May 21 11:30am Oxbow Park** (weather dependent). We'll begin with prayer, group discussion, and a picnic lunch. Bring your own lunch. Then we'll journey on an easy 1-mile hike to view the bluebells in full bloom. Following the hike, feel free to explore the zoo and other hiking trails. We will reflect on Revelation 21:5 "Behold, I make all things new!" Here are the discussion questions for reflection:

- How do I see renewal taking shape in my life?
- What experiences at my church awaken or renew my faith?
- In what ways do I observe renewal in my community & how do I desire to be a part of this renewal?



For more information, visit si.org/summer-opportunities/

SYNOD CORNER

"Do we talk to our Christian brothers and sisters?"

"Website is not walkable.
A new person might not even try the parish if they visit our website."

PARISH SYNOD UPDATE

The full report for our parish synod is available at http://sj.org/parish-synod/. 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. The Diocesan synod process is complete, and a summary of all the parish reports is being compiled for the USCCB. We will share more information on the report in the coming weeks.

MASS READINGS WEEK OF MAY 15

145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-

Sundays: Acts 14:21-27/Ps

31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11 Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21 Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 14 4:30 pm Gabriel Sciallis, Sr. + Sunday, May 15

9:30 am Michael Tonyir †
11:15 am Ray Mayor †
5:00 pm People of the Parish

Monday, May 9

12:10 pm Sr. Emily Kenkel

Tuesday, May 10

12:10 pm Susyana Lukminto

Wednesday, May 11

12:10 pm Beatrice Muscat +

Thursday, May 12

8:30 am Jose Castellanos & Bianca Sierra ‡

12:10 pm Alisa Becker-Dunn

Friday, May 13 Saturday, May 14

4:30 pm People of the Parish

Sunday, May 15

9:30 am Marilyn Dahl † 11:15 am Michael Tanyir † 5:00 pm Kamila Wysokirska †

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 15 - First Eucharist at all Masses

9:30 am Mass 11:15 am Mass

5:00 pm Mass

Monday, May 16

12:10 pm Mass **Tuesday, May 17**

10:00 am Virtual Bible Study

12:10 pm Mass

6:00 pm Baptism Formation

Wednesday, May 18

12:10 pm Mass

4:00 pm Altar Server

Orientation

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 19

8:30 am School Mass 11:30 am Confession

12:10 pm Mass

7:00 pm CL School of

Community

Friday, May 20

12:10 pm Word/Communion

Service

7:00 pm Radiance Holy Hour

Saturday, May 21

11:30 am Bluebell Beauty

(Oxbow Park)

3:30 pm Confession 4:30 pm Mass - First

Eucharist

Sunday, May 22 - Community Sunday

9:30 am Mass 11:15 am Mass 5:00 pm Mass

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

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"YOU ARE MADE FOR FREEDOM" UNBOUND PRAYER DAY AND CONFERENCE

May 21, 9am-3pm: "You Are Made for Freedom" Unbound Conference and Prayer Day, St. Ann's Church, Janesville (1 hour from Rochester). Do you wish for deeper freedom in your life and a stronger relationship with the Lord? Come to this conference run by the Diocese of Winona-Rochester's Unbound prayer ministry.

Dcn. John Hust and Nancy Hust, directors of ministry, will present on the five keys to spiritual freedom in Christ, and individual prayer will be offered in the afternoon. Habra traducción al español en las charlas de la mañana.

Please register by May 16 at <u>www.dowr.org</u>, scroll down to "events." Contact Susan for more information at swindley@dowr.org.



CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY

Catholic in Recovery is a community of men and women finding freedom from a variety of addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. CIR resources blend the spiritual wisdom of 12-step recovery with the sacramental life of the Catholic Church. CIR offers support for individuals and families through virtual and in-person recovery meetings, retreats, online/digital resources, and content overlapping recovery principles with Catholic traditions. You can join Holy Spirit Catholic Church's meeting on Sundays at 7:00pm. Contact Peter at fles.pete@gmail.com or 507-696-7437 for more information.

SEEKING SEASONAL HELP

The Sisters at Assisi Heights are seeking seasonal workers for the months of May/June through August to assist with various cleaning projects in their main building. They are also seeking an individual to assist with lawn and garden duties for the months of May through September. If interested, please call Michael Speltz, ph 507 280 2196 or email Michael.speltz@rochesterfranciscan.org

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Grateful thanks to everyone who has participated in helping us reach our parish goal for this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal. Every gift is a unique opportunity for you to help fund ministries to invite more than 34,000 households each year to encounter Christ and embrace His Church. You can still respond to Bishop Quinn's invitation today and join us in meeting our parish goal. Envelopes are available in the Gathering Space and Parish Center. To give online visit www.catholicfsmn.org

ROCHESTER ROSARY RALLIES

Weekly Rosary Rallies for our country, conversion, and peace are resuming this Sunday, May 1st, at 3:00pm near the Rochester Government Center. Meet at the corner of 4th St. SE & 3rd Ave SE. Please join us. Questions: Contact Janela Hubka at daveandjanela@gmail.com or 507-282-6090.

ROCHESTER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES SEEKS NEW LAY TRUSTEE MEMBER

Do you have a calling to bring your professional background to serve Rochester Catholic Schools? The Rochester Catholic Schools Board of Trustees is seeking applications for a new lay trustee member. The Board of Trustees articulates the vision, mission, and overall policy for the five schools that make up the Rochester Catholic Schools system. A description of the responsibilities of a trustee and application materials are available on the Rochester Catholic Schools website in the "Board of Trustees" section at: rcsmn.org/boardapplication

The trustees invite members of the Rochester Catholic community to share the opportunity with qualified applicants in your networks. Rochester Catholic Parishioners who have an affiliation with Rochester Catholic Schools are encouraged to apply, including alumni or parents/grandparents of current and former students. **Applications are due Tuesday, May 31.**

THE NEST PRESCHOOL IS EXPANDING!

The Nest Preschool program will feature expanded offerings including programs at all five of our convenient Rochester Catholic Schools locations beginning in the fall of 2022! New offerings include an all-day, nature-based Pre-Kindergarten (Age 4-5) program at Lourdes High School and Preschool/Pre-Kindergarten programs (Ages 3-5) at the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Middle School. In addition, an all-day Pre-Kindergarten (Age 4-5) program will be added at St. Francis of Assisi School and an Early Preschool (Age 2) program will be introduced at Holy Spirit School! We're excited to welcome our youngest learners to RCS! Our classrooms are filling - learn more by visiting rcsmn.org/thenest

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 May 14-20,
2022

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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