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MARK 10:51

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MISSION STATEMENT

"Our faith family is striving to be a welcoming, spiritually vibrant community,
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F R . M I K E ' S R E F L E C T I O N



As many of you know they are working on Interstate 94 northwest of the parish. They have been for 2 summers now. Lately they are changing lanes daily. I can get frustrated not knowing which lane to be in so I have to keep my eyes open to be able to exit where I want rather than ending up at St. Michael's exit. At least that is gone now. Having to remain alert reminds me that we need to do the same to see God at work in our lives. It is easy to fall into a rut and do the same thing day after day. If I don't keep my eyes peeled I could have missed God. I need to keep my eyes peeled to see God working day after day in my life. Sometimes it is hard because I think I know how things should go because that is what I have planned. But it may not be what God has planned. I cannot get locked into thinking God works the way I want Him to work. God works in His way. My job is to try to see it new every day.

*Father Mike's
Delicious Jams and Jellies will be available!*

**LADIES OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
CRAFT SALE
NOVEMBER 6-7**

Craft Sale – November 6-7

Annual craft sale by the St. Joe's Ladies of the Knights of Columbus.

Saturday, November 6, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Open to the public
Saturday, November 6, after the 5 p.m. mass
Sunday, November 7, 8:30-12:30 p.m.

Handmade gifts and seasonal items made by the ladies and parishioners. All proceeds go to the budget of the Lady Knights who donate the funds to charities within the parish and greater communities. Look for stocking stuffers and other gifts, embroidered towels, knitted dishcloths, seasonal decorations—and of course, Father Mike's delicious jams and jellies.

The bake sale will be on December 4 and 5.

Weekday Mass

Monday – Thursday at 11:00 am – In person.
Friday Morning at 6:30 am

Weekend Mass

Saturday Evenings at 5:00 pm (In person, parking lot and live-streamed)
Recorded Mass will be available following Live Stream.
Sunday Mornings at 8:30 and 10:30 am

Hospitality following Mass begins September 19. Online at www.sjtw.net

Masks are not longer required. We encourage continuation of face coverings for those that are at-risk or feel uncomfortable.

We will broadcast weekend Masses via FM transmitter for those that don't feel comfortable coming indoors but would like to participate from the parking lot and receive Holy Communion.

Communion ministers will be located outside Door 2 (faith Formation doors).

Tune in your FM radio to 106.7. A worship aid can be downloaded at <https://www.sjtw.net/mass-schedule>

COMMITMENT TO PARISH LIFE



FR. MIKE

October is Respect Life Month in the US. During this month we look at how the Catholic Church responds to a variety of issues from the beginning of life to the end of life. Most people are not aware that the Church has been issuing Encyclicals for nearly 140 years on various aspects of the human condition. As individuals we are. We know about babies and about dying. Almost all of us have participated in both of these things as well as the challenges of daily living. The church as a whole wants to be able to rally around a person and a family when these events occur. Just as our family wants to know about a birth or a death, so to do we as a parish. I have noticed that in our parish people gather around families when there is this sort of news to share. Our Commitment to Parish Life does not just happen inside our doors but in our daily living. You continue to give witness to the goodness of God by the way you minister to and rally around others during these major events, as well as the day-to-day needs of one another. That community support is one of the things that make our parish unique.



COMMITMENT TO PARISH LIFE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021 CONTRIBUTIONS

		# of Donors
Sunday CPL	\$12,484.83	110
Electronic	\$20,765.17	241
Child Envelopes	\$2.00	1
Plate	\$368.00	
Total	\$33,620.00	352

Thank You for your Generosity and Continued Support!

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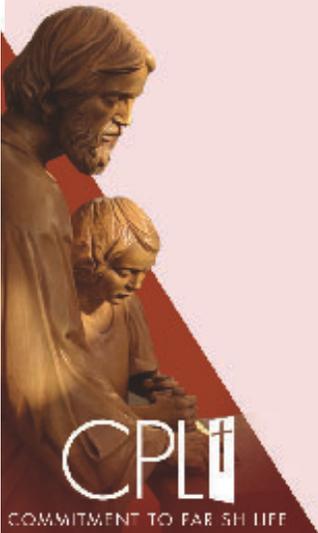


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volunteering is faith in action!

We have many volunteer ministry opportunities available. Visit www.sjtw.net/cpl-registration to learn more.





SJTW Parish Retreat Recap

44 parishioners participated in the Parish Retreat and the response was amazing! Here are some of the comments from retreatants: Thanks to everyone who planned this! It was a wonderful experience with such powerful testimonies!

I loved getting to know others, and I LOVED the sharing, the music, the scriptures!

It was restful, thought-provoking & spirit filled.

The music was great and the speakers' messages were so moving.

I loved the relaxed atmosphere and the feeling of community.

Now when I look across church, I will see more familiar faces and know how to pray for them.

Extremely well organized balance between prayer, presentation, small group discussion and fun!

It was wonderful. It was God.

Pictures are of retreatants enjoying some socialization can be found at www.sjtw.net/sjtw-parish-retreat.



Pandemic and how it has affected Domestic Violence

It is definitely no secret that the pandemic has been very hard on everyone. The added stress of working from home (or not having a job) trying to home school children, staying away from loved ones

and not having a social life

is not how humans like to live. We are a social group and like to come and go as desired.

During the pandemic more people were at home close together and in SOME cases that was not good. If a person is in an abusive relationship, being confined to your home with your abuser just gives that person more power and time and the victim suffers more.

The number of 911 calls in Maple Grove involving abuse has increased. The number is not always accurate because sometimes the caller hung up before the call was completed. The officers do go out to do well checks and that is not always successful depending on the situation in the home at the time. If the abuser is there the victim is probably not going to speak out. In 2019 there were 409 telephone calls related to abuse. In the year 2020 there were a total of 489 reported calls. As of the end of September with 3 months to go the number is 325.

The last week of September just days before Domestic Violence Awareness Month began there were two homicides in St Paul related to domestic abuse.

The Star Tribune reported on October 2nd that there has been a 40% increase in intimate violence deaths in Minnesota in the year 2020. At least 30 Minnesotans, including 20 women, one man, three children and 6 bystanders or intervenors were killed. The oldest was a 72 year old woman and the youngest was a 20 month old child who died with his mother. So far in 2021 there have been 21 intimate relationship deaths.

This is not contained to MN or Maple Grove it is a global problem. With the restrictions of the pandemic it makes it harder for victims to find safe refuge.

Earlier this year Gov. Walz did issue some grant money to support survivors through prevention and services such as housing and health care costs. Still more systemic change is needed including therapeutic services for child witnesses, tenant protection laws and economic empowerment for survivors. The policy Director for Violence Free Minnesota documented more than 700 homicides since 1989. Homicides are awful but there are no numbers for the injuries and permanent scars victims and their families continue to suffer. Even if they survive their life is full of Living Hell This is a Major Health Crisis. Please pray for the victims and get involved.



Faith Formation Update 2021-22

To inquire about which class times are still available, please contact the Faith Formation department to register for classes.

For our Sunday School program, please contact Jeanne Smith, jeanne@sjtw.net

For our Elementary and Junior High program and the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, please contact Monica Liebl, monical@sjtw.net.

For our High School, OneWith program and Confirmation, please contact Brady Tynen, btynen@sjtw.net



2021 SYNOD Gatherings

Save 1 or more of these dates!

Saturday, Oct. 23, 9-11 am Session 2b

Thursday, Nov. 4, 7-9 pm Session 3a

Thursday, Nov. 11, 7-9 pm Session 3b

Mark your calendar for your parish's Synod small group process happening this fall! See more details at our parish website <https://www.sjtw.net/synod>

Your Voice, Your Input, Your Ideas and Your Prayers are important!

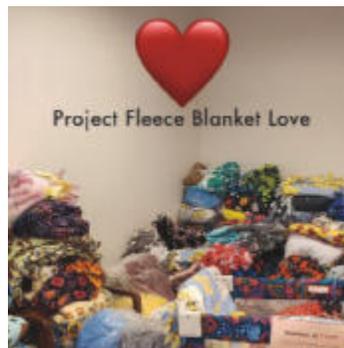


Thanksgiving Baskets of Love have been a long-time tradition at SJTW. We are once again asking for your generosity to provide food donations for families in need this Thanksgiving. Food collection will begin on October 25th and will end on November 16th. Boxes will be in the Faith Formation gathering space outside St. Joe's Hall for non perishable food donations. Frozen turkey donations can be put in the freezer marked for Thanksgiving Outreach. Checks specified for Thanksgiving Outreach are also much appreciated. Learn more at <https://www.sjtw.net/thanksgiving-baskets-of-love-collection>. Items needed:

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| Stuffing mix | Canned fruit and vegetables |
| Cranberries | Pickles |
| Gravy | Soup |
| Pasta | Pasta sauce |
| Peanut butter | Frozen Turkeys |

We also need volunteers! If you can help with this project, please contact Theresa in the parish office. 763 425-6505 or theresa@sjtw.net

If you or someone you know needs a meal basket, please call the Thanksgiving Outreach voicemail at 763 425-6505 ext 115. Thank you in advance for your donation to this year's outreach!



The Need Is NOW!

Project Fleece Blanket Love is back. Each January, the Lady Knights tie fleece blankets for donation. Last year, when we were all staying home looking for something to do together, we had a record-breaking year with over 240 blankets donated to multiple organizations and

homeless shelters. The number of beautiful blanket donations from the parish was amazing. Thank you!

But blankets are needed now—before temperatures plummet! The Lady Knights are starting the blanket campaign this week and running it through the end of January. The biggest need is for twin size blankets (65 x 90 inches). Other sizes: standard kit size (72 x 60 inches) and stroller blankets (30 x 35 inches) are also welcome. Fleece tie blankets are easy to make—no sewing experience required. This would be a great option for Confirmation hours or a family project.

If you don't have time to tie a blanket, buy two lengths of fleece or a kit and drop it off when coming to Mass. New, store-bought blankets are also appreciated.

Join us in spreading some love and giving a little warmth to those in need. Think we can get over 300 blankets this year? With your help, absolutely!



Our Brothers and Sisters in Bouzy recover and rebuild.

The earthquake recovery in Bouzy has begun, now that the aftershocks have finally stopped. Where possible they can return indoors to sleep and begin to rebuild. Thanks to your gifts we have been able to provide emergency food, support to teachers, repairs at the schools, and building materials to put roofs on homes giving them shelter from the frequent rain. While we cannot rebuild the entire community and surrounding villages, your help will allow them to replace some of what was lost. They can start repairing structures at St Catherine's so they have a safe place to worship and gather as a community. Their recovery will take time and we will continue to send the remaining funds as Fr. Claude and community leaders develop their plans.



Stephen Ministry is Here for You

Stephen Ministers are not just here for the "big" crises. They are also available for the little things that add up. If the little things have you feeling down consider Stephen Ministry. Stephen Ministers are members of SJTW who have gone through 50+ hours of training in providing high quality Christian care to individuals experiencing a crisis or challenge such as divorce, grief, loss of a job, hospitalization, or loneliness. Stephen Ministers are assigned a care receiver and typically meet with that person about an hour a week. This relationship will last for as long as the care receiver needs it. If you would like more info on how to become a Stephen Minister or to receive care, call Steve at 763.494.4821.



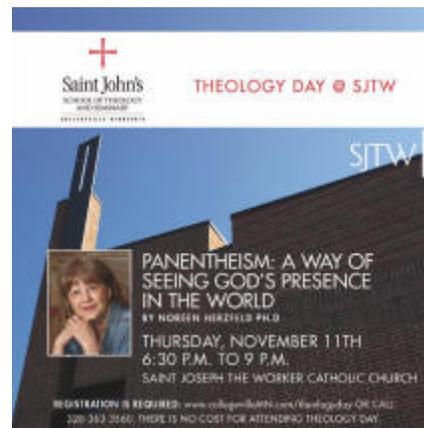
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10 SIMPLE THINGS CHOICES FOR A HEALTHIER PLANET

1. Bike and walk more, drive less.
2. Reduce, reuse, recycle. Cut down on what you throw away.
3. Learn to make smart seafood choices at www.FishWatch.gov.
4. Plant a tree. Trees provide food and oxygen. They help save energy, clean our air and help combat climate change.
5. Volunteer for cleanups in your community.
6. Conserve water. The less water you use the less runoff and water waste end up in the ocean.
7. Buy less plastic and use reusable shopping bags.
8. Choose nontoxic chemicals to use in your home and office.
9. Use energy efficient light bulbs. The reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Also, turn off lights when leaving a room.
10. Educate yourself. Then help others understand the importance and value of our natural resources.

Other News

- School has started at St Catherine's with 98% of the kids in attendance, surrounding schools have not been able to begin
- The community is planning for the celebration of their parish feast of St Catherine de Alexandre in November.
- Haiti continues to be unsafe, please pray for the kidnapped missionaries and Haitians and for their safe return.



Theology Day
Panentheism: A Way of Seeing God's Presence in the World

by Noreen Herzfeld, Ph.D.

Thursday, Nov 11
 6:30 to 9 p.m.
 SJTW

Colossians 3:11 tells us "There is only Christ. He is everything and he is in everything." Panentheism views God as present in the universe yet more than the universe. It underlies Fr. Richard Rohr's "Universal Christ." It is also found in the writings of Muslim Sufi mystics, Celtic spirituality, and has recently found favor with many in the science and religion dialogue. What would a panentheistic God imply for our salvation, creation, and God's agency in the world?

HOLIDAY EVENTS



Come enjoy an afternoon of tea, light lunch and wonderful music. The Cassidy brothers will again help us welcome in the holidays with their beautiful harmony and down to earth style. Join us on Sunday, November 21, at 2:00pm. Tickets are \$16 per person, or \$120 for a table of 8.

Concert only seating at 2:30 is available for \$5.00.

Seating is limited, so order your tickets early! Proceeds of the Tea support the Music Ministry of St. Joe's. Contact Tarrri for tickets or for more information at 763-400-7205 or tnelson@sjtw.net.

HOLIDAY TEA HELP NEEDED! We are also looking for help with the Holiday Tea on November 21.

Here are some ways you can join the fun while supporting the SJTW Music Ministry:

- * Table servers (listen to the concert and sample the food while serving others). We are looking for both male and female servers, of all ages from teen on up.
- * Loan place settings for the tables
- * Help by making desserts
- * Donate door prizes for the tea, anything goes!

Sign up sheets are in the St. Cecilia Music Room or call Amy at 612-309-1158 or Rachel at 612-834-3689.

Trunk or Treat - Oct 30 6:15 - 7:15 pm

Trunk or Treat for children (ages 12 and under), families and parishioners of SJTW will happen on Saturday, Oct. 30, in our parish parking lot, right after the completion of the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Families...come to Mass with your children in appropriate costume for "trunk or treating." Parishioners, come with your trunks decorated and ready for the little ones.



The Knights were established around the premise of Embracing Life at all stages and we continue that tradition, especially in October. SJTW's

council contributed \$500 to the Respect Life Baby shower, \$500 to Holy Family Adoption Agency (the only catholic organization supporting adoptions), \$500 to the Haiti relief fund, and organized the coats distribution to our local communities on October 23. We're blessed to have so much support from this Parish! Thank you for your continued support.

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Our membership drive is this weekend (October 23-24). We are inviting all males 18 and over to consider joining and experience all this fraternity has to offer. You will get back much more than you put in (volunteer with the council on your time)!!

Join online for no cost at www.KOFC.org/joinus (enter McGivney 2020) to waive fees for the first year.

Readings for the week of October 24, 2021

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16

Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 [14a]/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-3

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