



**Church of St. Augustine**



**St. Mary's Cathedral**



**St. John Cantius Church**

## May 14, 2023 ~ 6th Sunday of Easter

**Rev. Scott Pogatchnik, Rector**  
**Rev. Brady Keller, Parochial Vicar**

### **Church of St. Augustine**

442 2nd St. SE, St. Cloud, MN 56304  
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#### **Masses**

Sun 9:00 am  
Thurs 8:00 am  
Fri 8:30 am (varies—check Mass schedule)

### **St. John Cantius Church**

1515 3rd St. N., St. Cloud, MN 56303  
(320) 251-4455  
stjohncantius@charter.net  
www.stjohncantius.org

#### **Masses**

Sun 7:30 am and 10:45 am  
Wed 8:00 am

### **St. Mary's Cathedral**

25 8th Ave. S., St. Cloud, MN 56301  
(320) 251-1840  
office@stmarystcloud.org  
www.stmarystcloud.org

#### **Masses**

Sat 5:00 pm (vigil)  
Sun 9:30 am and 6:00 pm  
Mon - Sat 7:00 am  
Mon - Fri 12:05 pm

### **St. Katharine Drexel School**

428 2nd St. SE, St. Cloud, MN 56304  
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Confirmed in the Holy Spirit – the Reason for Our Hope!

When was the last time you thought about your Confirmation? Last month? Last year? Maybe not since high school? You're not alone. Why does it matter?

Well, as we mark the this 6th Sunday of Easter, we're reminded that only the Feasts of Ascension and Pentecost remain in these 50 days of Easter. And this entire season is itself a preparation for the Holy Spirit – fully given at confirmation. In our first reading from Acts, we're told that those in Samaria had been baptized "in the name of the Lord Jesus," but the Holy Spirit had not yet fallen upon them. So, Peter and John went to them, prayed and laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

This is what we believe happens at Confirmation. In the last two months I've confirmed nearly 150 teenagers. Many of them are eager for the sacrament; others a bit less so; and a few appear to be almost resistant. And yet, in every case, when that Chrism Oil is (generously!) poured upon their foreheads, and they receive a very gentle slap on the cheek (the awakening, as its called), the Holy Spirit takes hold of them. I get a chance to see it up close.

What difference does the Holy Spirit make? Re-read the story of Pentecost in Acts 2 to find out. It's the difference electricity makes. Any church or individual without the Holy Spirit experiences a serious power shortage. The Holy Spirit drives out all spirits, thoughts, desires, emotions that work against God and our good.

In a society increasingly resistant to God – perhaps like those few teens – we can think this spiritual battle is mere make-believe. And yet, science has not disproved the existence of evil spirits, or fallen angels, any more than it has disproved the existence of good spirits, or good angels. Our science is about nature, not supernatural. That's why it's called "natural science." The only spirits science can analyze are the ones you buy in a liquor store. Science can neither prove nor disprove anything supernatural.

Some atheists say, "I don't believe God exists because I can't find him in my test tubes." That's as logical as saying, "I don't believe in test tubes because I can't find them in my prayers." Or, "Chemically speaking, we are merely eighteen dollars' worth of chemicals, mostly water." What else are we? We are the ones who invented chemistry. The materialist says, "Astronomically speaking, we are utterly insignificant." No, we're not. Astronomically speaking, we are the astronomers.

C.S. Lewis, in his little masterpiece about temptation entitled *The Screwtape Letters*, says that the devil is equally pleased by two errors: to overestimate or to underestimate his power, to obsess about him or to dismiss him as a silly old myth. In war, the enemy would love you to overestimate or to underestimate his power. If there are no fallen angels, or demons, what are our guardian angels guarding us from? Auto accidents? We have guardrails and airbags for that. We need good angels to defend us against bad ones. Again, we live on a battlefield. If we didn't have guardian angels to defend us, we'd be mincemeat.

When was the last time you thought about your Confirmation? I hope you take some time this week – and ask the Holy Spirit to re-awaken you to the truth, goodness, and beauty He's placed in you through His grace.

Peace and Power in the Holy Spirit! ~Fr. Scott

# Our Parishes

## 50 Year Ordination Anniversary

Fr. Tom Olson will be celebrating his 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood during the 9:00 am Mass at St. Augustine on Sunday, May 21. A light reception in the cafeteria will follow the Mass. Everyone is invited to attend. Fr. Tom was ordained a deacon in 1972 and a priest in 1973 at St. Augustine. Congratulations, Fr. Tom!

## Food Shelf Volunteers for June

St. Augustine volunteers will be helping at the food shelf in June. If you would like to help food shelf clients, please sign up at the Information Desk at St. Augustine or call Kathy Johannes or the parish office if you are able to help. Shifts are Monday, Wednesday, & Friday from 8:45 am - noon or 11:45 am - 3:15 pm.

## Totus Tuus Summer Program

Totus Tuus is a fun and energetic Catholic youth program taught by seminarians and college students throughout the Diocese of St. Cloud. From catechetical sessions, Sacraments, and Mass to songs, games and skits—your child is sure to have fun while learning more about their Faith! Sessions will be held at the Church of St. Augustine June 25-30. Register at [allcalledtochrist.com](http://allcalledtochrist.com).

Grades 1-6: June 26-30 / 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

Grades 7-12: June 25-30 / 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

## Mayfest

St. Katharine Drexel School is holding its annual Mayfest on Friday, May 19, on the school grounds at 428 2nd St. S., St. Cloud, from 5:00 - 9:00 pm. This is a family friendly, outdoor festival with food, kids' activities, raffles, live auction, and an entertaining concert by the band Six to Midnight.



## Sponsorships

St. Mary's Cathedral has scheduled its annual Block Party for Saturday, September 9. We are seeking sponsorships to help with the costs of putting on such a big event.

We thank the following additional sponsors to date:

Simonson Properties	\$2,000
BD Exteriors	\$500
Geraldine Lommel	\$500
Speedy Release Bail Bonds	\$500
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If you are interested in sponsoring our Block Party, please call Kelly in the parish office at 320-251-1840 x0 for details.

## Silent Auction Items

It is not too early to start thinking about making a donation to the Silent Auction. Some ideas include gift certificates to your favorite restaurant or store; handmade items such as dish towels, quilts, cutting boards; themed baskets such as Italian meal, hair care products, garden, spa, kitchen, bath, etc. The ideas are endless. Donations are being accepted in the parish office during business hours.



## Parish Contributions

<b>St. Augustine</b>	
Envelopes/Plate	\$6,961.00
Weekly Goal	\$10,383.00
Difference	(\$3,422.00)

<b>St. John Cantius</b>	
Sunday	\$1,875.00
Weekly Budget	\$2,890.00
YTD Actual	\$137,031.30
YTD Budget	\$137,380.00
YTD Difference	(\$348.70)

<b>St. Mary's Cathedral</b>	
Envelopes/Plate	\$6,733.00
Weekly Goal	\$9,526.00
Difference	(\$2,793.00)



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# Our Week



## MASS SCHEDULE

### MON 5/15 St. Isidore

7:00 am SMC †Gertrude Nessler  
12:05 pm SMC †James and †Helen Lohmann

### TUE 5/16

7:00 am SMC †David Masberg  
12:05 pm SMC †Michael Lipinski

### WED 5/17

7:00 am SMC †Joyce McCann  
8:00 am SJC †Clara Sowada  
12:05 pm SMC Fr. Bob Rolfes

### THU 5/18 The Ascension of the Lord; St. John I, Pope and Martyr

7:00 am SMC †Andrew Dusek  
8:00 am CSA †Jerry Hess  
12:05 pm SMC †Michael Lipinski

### FRI 5/19

7:00 am SMC Anna Vogel & Family  
8:30 am CSA †Dotty Schmit  
12:05 pm SMC †Roy Steichen

### SAT 5/20 St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest; Armed Forces Day

7:00 am SMC †Frances Blommel  
5:00 pm SMC †Poor Souls and Those in Need of Healing

### SUN 5/21 The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter

7:30 am SJC †Portia Chinberg  
9:00 am CSA †Sue Thering and †Jack and †Celia Thering  
9:30 am SMC In Thanksgiving for Patrick, Benedicte, Mary & Grace Ilboudo  
10:45 am SJC Janice Carlson  
6:00 pm SMC †Ray & †Betty Kampa

CSA—Church of St. Augustine / SJC—St. John Cantius / SMC—St. Mary's Cathedral

Rosary & Chaplet	St. Augustine 8:20 am Sunday 12:00 pm daily  St. John Cantius 20 minutes before all Masses  St. Mary's Cathedral 6:30 am Monday - Saturday 11:30 am Monday - Friday 12:30 pm Monday - Friday
	St. John Cantius 9:00 am Wednesday
Holy Hour	
Reconciliation	St. Augustine 7:30 am Thursday  St. Mary's Cathedral 4:30 pm Thursday 4:30 pm Friday 6:00 pm Saturday
	St. Augustine 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Thursday  St. Mary's Cathedral 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm Tuesday
Adoration	

## READINGS

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a  
 Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11  
 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15  
 Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20  
 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9(6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20  
 Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23  
 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28  
 Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9(6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20  
 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8(13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a



St. Augustine: M - F 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
 St. John Cantius: M - Th 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, F 1:00 - 5:00 pm  
 St. Mary's Cathedral: M - F 9:00 am - 1:30 pm

# Our Community

## Organ Concert

Charles Echols, Salem Lutheran Church organist, will celebrate his 85th birthday with a program of organ and piano music at Salem Lutheran Church, 90 Riverside Drive SE, St. Cloud, on Saturday, May 20, at 4:00 pm. All are welcome.

## Monday Night Movies

Movie nights will continue through the summer with the following selections:

*The Gospel of John* on May 22

*Paul, Apostle of Christ* on June 19

Each movie will be shown for free at the St. Peter's parish library at 6:00 pm with refreshments provided. Families are welcome to attend!

## An Easter Prayer for Life

Lord Jesus Christ,  
You are the Author of Life,  
Who died and now lives forevermore.

May we who work and pray  
That children in the womb may be protected  
Always draw strength, confidence, and joy  
From Your victory over death,  
For you are Lord forever and ever. Amen

## Summer Youth Camps

### Summer Vocation Camp

All young men in 7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to a Summer Vocation Camp. The camp is at the beautiful Mead family residence on June 20-22. The days are filled with physical and spiritual activities. The cost is \$40. Please scan the QR code to register by June 1. Questions, call Julie in the Vocations office at 320-251-5001.



### Girls, God and Good Times

Welcome to Girls, God and Good Times! This summer camp is a Benedictine camp for girls in grades 4-12. At our camp, young women pray, meet and do arts and crafts with the sisters and eat and stay in a residence hall on the campus of the College of Saint Benedict. Recreational activities, singing and a traditional bonfire are all part of the fun!

3G camps for summer 2023 are set!

Girls Presently in 4th-5th Grade: June 19-21

Girls Presently in 6th-12th Grade: July 17-19

Contact Laura Suhr, OSB, 3G Director at [3gcamp@csbsju.edu](mailto:3gcamp@csbsju.edu)



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## What Is the Knights of Columbus About?

We are Faith in Action doing works for our Faith, Family, Life, and Community.

You may not recognize us because we don't all wear a Knight's hat or shirt or jacket, but we are out in our Faith community virtually every day. We might be an usher on Saturday or Sunday for Mass. We might be doing parking duty or other tasks for a parish or diocesan event. We might be doing a fundraiser like a brat sale or offering rose appliques for donations to life programs or doing a tootsie roll drive for Special Olympics or selling tickets at the Benton County Fair.

We do ditch clean up twice a year along Hwy. 23 East. We assist at the Veteran's Administration with getting veterans to Mass on Sunday. We bell-ring for the Salvation Army. We do Free Throw contests in the winter where youth can earn scholarships and prizes for competing. We support Pregnancy Resource Centers and ELEVATE. We fundraise for seminarians. We support our clergy in our parishes plus support an annual recognition event. We volunteer for the annual Ordination Mass. We serve as honorary pall bearers for our members. We make rosaries that are sent around the world for various needs and missions. We serve meals for those in need.

We do this through our charity, unity, and fraternity, plus work on patriotism throughout the year. We strive to strengthen men in our organization to be better Christians and Catholics.

Please consider joining the Knights and help as your schedule allows. Put your Faith in Action today! Be a servant of humanity! Open to men ages 18 and above. We also do social events to celebrate our commitment to service plus leadership opportunities!

Questions: Bob Rueter [rjr33phil@charter.net](mailto:rjr33phil@charter.net).

## Heart...to Heart ...to Heart

All Seven Sisters and interested guests are invited to a day of reflection, prayer, and recommitment on Saturday, June 3, from 8:00 am-2:00 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud.

Registration fee is \$15.00 to cover lunch, stipends, and materials. Pre-registration is required with a deadline of May 20. Make checks payable and send to Carrie Ellis, 6272 County Road 8 SE, St. Cloud, MN 56304. Please include your name, the name of your anchoress, and the name of the priest you pray for. Questions?? Call Carrie (320) 253-1692.

# First Communion



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