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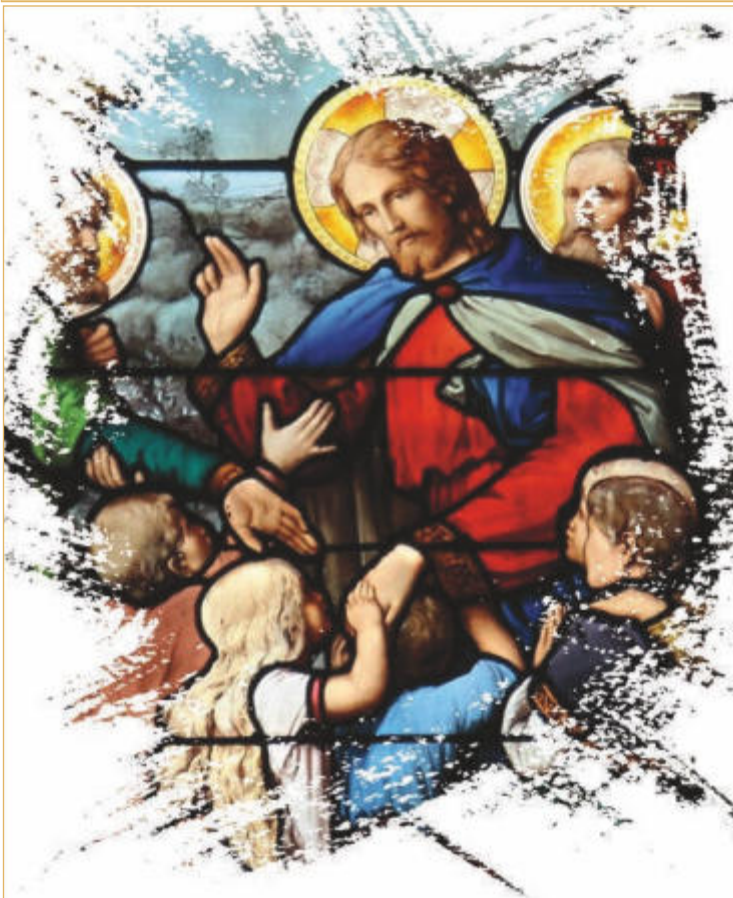


**All Saints, New Richland**  
307 1st St SW  
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SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**WELCOME**  
to our parishes

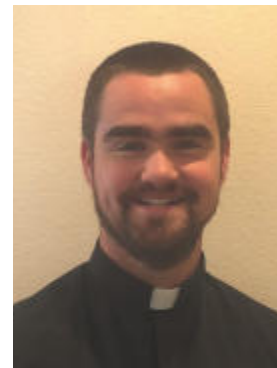


"WHOEVER RECEIVES ONE CHILD SUCH AS THIS  
IN MY NAME, RECEIVES ME." - MK 9:37A

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**Information for the parish bulletin** is due to the parish office by 12:00 Noon on Tuesday each week unless otherwise noted.

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### **Weekday Mass Schedule**

See page 2 of the bulletin for the weekday schedule as it is periodically subject to change based on pastoral circumstances.

### **Weekend Mass/Confession Schedule**

Saturday 5:00 PM All Saints in New Richland  
**(next weekend only, September 25 - Mass 4:00 PM)**

Sunday 8:00 AM St. Joseph in Waldorf  
Sunday 10:00 AM St. Ann in Janesville

**Confession is available half an hour before each weekend Mass.**

## LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Sept	20	No Mass Scheduled	St. Ann - Janesville
Tuesday	Sept	21	No Mass Scheduled	St. Ann - Janesville
Wednesday	Sept	22	No Mass Scheduled	St. Ann - Janesville
Thursday	Sept	23	12:00 PM John Kluntz †	St. Ann - Janesville
Friday	Sept	24	10:00 AM Pat and Eileen Chicos †	All Saints - New Richland
Saturday	Sept	25	<b>4:00 PM (note time - festival)</b> Dean Christensen †	All Saints - New Richland
Sunday	Sept	26	8:00 AM Lynn Lindeland †	St. Joseph - Waldorf
			10:00 AM For the Parishes	St. Ann - Janesville

## FROM FR. BRIAN

### Time to slow down and be intentional!

Just as everything is getting started to be on the run for the school year with sports, school, band, etc... I am inviting you parents to be very intentional about Faith Formation. Praying about what to do this year, I feel we need a "breathe year" for everyone but it still needs to be intentional. This year is an opportunity to empower parents to be the first and best teachers of their kids in the ways of Faith. What does this entail? Both parents, if possible, to join me in teaching and discussing Humanity 101, Theology of the Body! The need is clear in the world to go back to the basics of; Who is God? Who am I? Or Whose am I? What is the point of life? Why do I look like I have it together on the outside but feel broken on the inside?

Programs will not solve the questions but a life changing encounter with God, Himself, will and that is what I am after with your Family to have this year. The home life is the first seminary (seed bed) where we learn love, respect, virtue, prayer, etc.... as Father, I want to empower you and to walk with you. Encounter is going to be the focus this year. We need grounding in the ultimate Reality, being God's beloved by adoption. The invitation is to come once a month on the first Saturday with your 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders for an hour and a half watch a short video and discuss with your kids the lesson. I will be leading this with teachers' help. There will be an ability to work the videos and workbook online so please sign up to make sure we get enough. Father is a special word to you and I need you to be there too, your presence alone will change the course of your child's faith life. Study after study continually shows that a Father's presence or not at an event makes an impression on their child's future.

For the little kids, 1st-4th graders in Janesville, there will be release time on Wednesday. At All Saints and St. Joseph the class times are moved to 4:00PM weekly before Mass on Saturday for the little ones, please sign up so we have a head count there also.

All 9th and 10th graders will be taught by others and myself, on the second Saturday of the month. The plan is similar to last year, we answered their own questions. They will have a packet to work through for the year with their sponsor. The time will be 9:00AM-12:00PM the second Saturday of the month.

Please, Please, Please sign up now online for Faith Formation - God has so much in store for the Faith Family! Lastly, maybe scandalous to say but even more important than a Faith Formation thing, bring your family to Mass! I would rather you not sign your kids up for Faith Formation and come to the Eucharist for a year every Sunday! A personal relationship with God isn't close enough for Him; Who died for you and knows you better than yourself.

Side note: If you don't have kids or are 'grown up' and you want to participate in Faith Formation this year that would be awesome! We should never grow tired of learning especially about our Almighty Father, His Son, the Holy Spirit and their Church, the Bride.





There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy. @LPi

**Greeters/Giftbearers - St. Ann's**

September 26 - Jena Schoenrock Family  
 October 3 - Chad Ready Family  
 October 10 - Eric Regnier Family  
 If unable on the day you are scheduled, please contact Ann Carda at 507.317.9604 - Thanks for all you are doing!

**St. Ann's Finance Council** will meet on Thursday, September 23, with Fr. Brian in Janesville at 6:45 PM.

**St. Joseph's Finance Council** will meet on Tuesday, September 28, with Fr. Brian in Waldorf at 6:45 PM.

**Tri-Parish Pastoral Council** will meet with Fr. Brian on Wednesday, September 29, in Janesville at 6:45 PM.

**All Saints Finance Council** will meet with Fr. Brian on Thursday, September 30, in New Richland at 6:45 PM.

**For folks in New Richland** - Paul Cyr's Dad passed away and if you would want to send a card, his address is: Paul Cyr, Box 249, Oklee, MN 56742



**Wanted for Fall Festival in New Richland:**

Pumpkins, gourds and other fall decorative items. Can be picked up after or donated to the Country Store; just leave a note about what you want to do. Please leave off at the church (in the cry area) by Friday morning before the festival. Thank you.

The Decorating Committee



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