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St. Ann's, Janesville
313 W 2nd St
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St. Joseph's, Waldorf
225 3rd Ave N
Established 1878
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All Saints, New Richland
307 1st St SW
Established 1879
2029—150th Anniversary

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME
to our parishes



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At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

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

Confession is available half an hour before each weekend Mass.

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Sept	27		No Mass Scheduled	St. Ann - Janesville
Tuesday	Sept	28	5:30 PM	Leo and Alice Slechta †	St. Ann - Janesville
Wednesday	Sept	29	12:00 PM	David Osborne †	St. Ann - Janesville
Thursday	Sept	30	12:00 PM	Terry Cahill †	St. Ann - Janesville
Friday	Oct	1	10:00 AM	Margaret Ann Chicos †	New Richland Care Center
Saturday	Oct	2	5:00 PM	Dr. Albert and Lois Flor †	All Saints - New Richland
Sunday	Oct	3	8:00 AM	Dee Phillips †	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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.

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INFORMATION FOR YOU

Greeters/Giftbearers - St. Ann's

October 3 - Chad Ready Family

October 10 - Eric Regnier Family

October 17 - Matt Cousins Family

If unable on the day you are scheduled, please contact Ann Carda at 507.317.9604 - Thanks for all you are doing!

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.

All Saints Baby Bottle Campaign - Respect Life Sunday is October 3. Please pick up a baby bottle at the back of the church and fill with your spare change during the month of October to help Catholic Charities Mother and Child Assistance Fund provide women who are considering adoption and/or parenting with financial assistance. The raised funds help women and children right here in Southern Minnesota! Unable to pick up a bottle? Please mail your donation directly to Catholic Charities Baby Bottle Campaign, PO Box 379, Winona, MN 55987. Thank you!



Janesville Life Chain Event **Please join us!**

Sunday Oct 3, 2021
2:00-3:00 p.m.

❖ Stand with thousands of pro-lifers throughout the USA and Canada!

You'll be a light in a darkened world as you help put an end to abortion through prayer.

❖ Bring your whole family. Rain or shine.

❖ Pick up signs at St. Ann Catholic Church or Trinity Lutheran Church in Janesville.

❖ Stand anywhere on Old Hwy 14 or Main Street.

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