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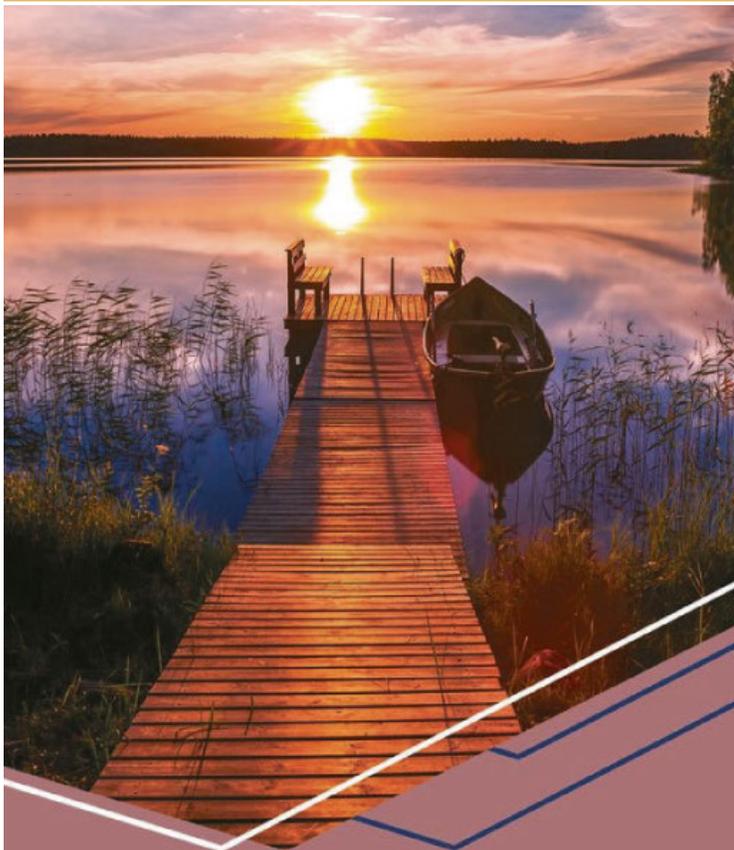


All Saints, New Richland
307 1st St SW
Established 1879
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OCTOBER 3, 2021

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME
to our parishes



27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6

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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	Oct	4		No Mass Scheduled	St. Ann - Janesville
Tuesday	Oct	5	5:30 PM	Pat (Cahill) Kahnke †	St. Ann - Janesville
Wednesday	Oct	6	12:00 PM	Steve Sexton †	St. Ann - Janesville
Thursday	Oct	7	12:00 PM	Everett Adams †	St. Ann - Janesville
Friday	Oct	8	10:00 AM	Jeanie Weydert †	All Saints - New Richland
Saturday	Oct	9	5:00 PM	For the Parishes	All Saints - New Richland
Sunday	Oct	10	8:00 AM	Mark and Darlene McDonough †	St. Joseph - Waldorf
			10:00 AM	Peggy Schwab †	St. Ann - Janesville

FROM FR. BRIAN

October is our Mothers month!

Mary, the Mother of God! Daughter of the Father, Mother of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Spirit, Mother of the Church, Mother of the Domestic Church, Our Mother, The New Eve all of these are different names that we have for Mary! As the month unfolds, I will be going through the different titles and explaining their significance.

First, let's put out there two traits of Mary, Ever Virgin and without sin. She never had relations with a man because her spouse was the Holy Spirit. The Spirit came upon her, and she received the 2nd person of the Trinity in to her womb. The person that the universe can not contain chose through her "fiat" (yes) to come and dwell as man. How long has these teachings on Mary been around in the Church? Well, the answer as oral traditions show and writing things down became more common place, we have this writing from Hippolytus of Rome. "But the pious confession of the believer is that . . . the Creator of all things incorporated with Himself a rational soul and a sensible body from the all-holy Mary, ever-virgin, by an undefiled conception, without conversion, and was made man in nature, but separate from wickedness. . . ." (*Against Beron and Helix: Fragment VIII [A.D. 210]*)

Awesome, to see the Creed being formed in the Early Church before the Council of Nicene in 350 AD! This quote is from 210AD on Mary being Ever Virgin. Another agreement for Mary's Ever Virgin status would be presented by Hilary of Poitiers in 354AD. "If they [the brethren of the Lord] had been Mary's sons and not those taken from Joseph's former marriage, she would never have been given over in the moment of the passion [crucifixion] to the apostle John as his mother, the Lord saying to each, 'Woman, behold your son,' and to John, 'Behold your mother' [John 19:26-27], as he bequeathed filial love to a disciple as a consolation to the one desolate" (*Commentary on Matthew 1:4 [A.D. 354]*).

Where is the earliest writing of Mary without Sin, 70 A.D. and 80 A.D. In the Ascension of Isaiah, "[T]he report concerning the child was noised abroad in Bethlehem. Some said, 'The Virgin Mary has given birth before she was married two months.' And many said, 'She has not given birth; the midwife has not gone up to her, and we heard no cries of pain'" (*Ascension of Isaiah 11 [A.D. 70]*). And after that another writing in the Odes of Solomon, "So the Virgin became a mother with great mercies. And she labored and bore the Son, but without pain, because it did not occur without purpose. And she did not seek a midwife, because he caused her to give life. She bore as a strong man, with will . . ." (*Odes of Solomon 19 [A.D. 80]*).

There you have some more knowledge to grow closer to Mary this month! Also for Mary, Fr. The and I are doing a Women's Retreat for the next 3months on our podcast, *Practical Rambling Fathers*. The chain on my wrist is actually a symbol of my consecration to Mary. The St. Louis De Montfort, *True devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary*, is a great and intense way of growing a relationship with Mary! Also, *33 Days to Morning Glory* is another route.

Mother Mary, Pray for Us!

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God." Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God's incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God's greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ's love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God's unconditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. God's perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God's and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That's why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God's oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey!

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INFORMATION FOR YOU

Greeters/Giftbearers - St. Ann's

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!

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.

LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful, prayerful public witness of pro-life Americans standing in remembrance of 62 million lives lost to abortion, praying for our nation, for people in crisis situations and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children, hurts women and men, and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death.

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