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Baptism

Call Parish Office to schedule preparation with Father Joe or Deacon Richard.

Marriage

Call Parish Office a minimum of six months in advance to schedule preparation with Father Joe or Deacon Richard.

Visitors

We are blessed to have you worship with us at Mass. If you would like to become a parishioner you can call the parish office or download a registration form from our website.

Mass Schedule

Saturday	4:15 pm	SC
Sunday	8:30 am	SC
Sunday	10:30 am	MI
Tuesday	6:00 pm	SC
Wednesday	8:30 am	SC
Thursday	8:30 am	MI
Friday	8:30 am	MI

Tuesdays

1:00 PM Mass at Hillcrest
Assisted Living in Nashwauk

Confession

Tuesday	5:00-5:30 pm	SC
Saturday	3:30-4:00 pm	SC
Sunday	7:45-8:15 am	SC
Saturday	9:00-10:00 am	MI
1st Friday	4:00-5:00 pm	MI

Fr. Joe is always open to making appointments for confession.

Adoration

Tuesday	9:00 am-5:45 pm	SC
1st Friday	4:00-5:00 pm	MI

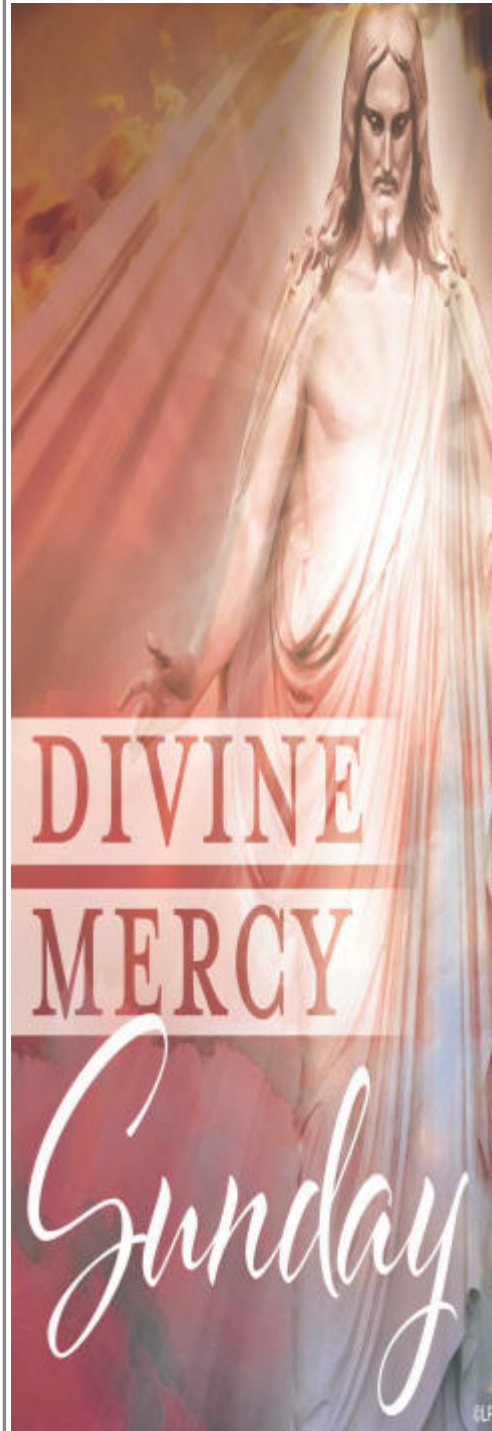
*cancelled due to Father's absence

Homebound Ministry

Fr. Joe visits the homebound within the parish boundaries on First Fridays.

Fr. Joe visits parishioners in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living in Grand Rapids and Hibbing on First Thursdays.

If you know of parishioners who are ill, hospitalized, or homebound, please contact the parish.





April 30-May 5

Tuesday –Marvin Schmelzer, †
 Wednesday-Candy & Gary Brooks
 Thursday-Margaret McPherson, †
 Friday– Souls in Purgatory
 Saturday– Parishioners
 Sunday 8:30– Richard Lambert, †
 Sunday 10:30– Dennis Drobnick, †

Saturday 4:15 pm May 4

Lector: Conformandi
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sandra Persson, Ron & June Johnson, Colleen Clusiau
 Servers: Kiara Clusiau, Madi Owens, Jerry Swanson

Sunday 8:30 am May 5

Lector: Vicki Sellner
 Ministers of Holy Communion: Jackie DeNucci, Lois Best, Julie Lange, Terri Jarmer
 Servers: Damon Gangl, Ava Gangl, Jim Sellner
 Ushers: Joe Warmuth & John Eliof
 Counters: Patti Perreault & Terri Hedblom

Sunday 10:30 am May 5

Lector: April Serich
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Pat & Tessie Guyer, Emily Erickson, Kathy LaFond
 Server: Jacob Johnson
 May Cleaners: Teresa Kessler 4th, Karen Tok 11 & 18, Mari Jo Anderson 25th



Bulletin articles need to be submitted by Tuesday at 10:00 am for the week the bulletin is printed. The Friday before if it is a holiday.

Know someone who could use prayers?
 CALL- -St. Cecilia's Prayer Chain:
 Darlene or Ted Squillace 885-1057.
 Mary Immaculate Prayer Chain:
 Teresa Kessler 910-9007.

Sister Dorene King from St. Scholastica Monastery has been assigned to our parishes to be a prayer advocate. She is praying for us, but if you have a special intention please call (218)723-6555.

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ASK FR. JOE

“Can you explain Purgatory?”

I thought this would be a good question to answer on the weekend of Divine Mercy, because if God were not so merciful there would probably not be a purgatory.

Allow me first to give you the definition of Purgatory as found in the glossary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Purgatory is, “a state of final purification after death and before entrance into heaven for those who died in God’s friendship, but were only imperfectly purified; a final cleansing of human imperfection before one is able to enter the joy of heaven”.

I once heard a story that I think helps explain Purgatory very well. A boy was asking his father about Purgatory. The father handed his son a plank of wood. “This board represents our relationship with God”, he said. “After we are baptized our relationship is perfect, without any imperfections, just like this board.” Then he handed his son a hammer and a hand full of nails and instructed him to pound the nails into the plank. When he had done this, the father explained further. “These nails represent sins. Every time we sin we damage our relationship with God. Mortal sins do more damage, but even venial sins do some damage. Now I want you to remove the nails from the board.” After the nails were removed, the father continued. “When we go to confession our sins are all forgiven. Our slate is wiped clean and our board is cleared of the nails. But what do you notice about the board?” “There are holes in it now”, the boy replied. “Yes”, the father said. “Even though our sins are forgiven and our relationship with God is made right again, there are still imperfections. This is the result of our sins. So confession allows us to be good enough to avoid eternal damnation in hell, but we still need to be purified in order to be holy enough for heaven. This is where Purgatory comes in. Purgatory purifies us of the imperfections left by sins. In a way, it fills in the holes left by the nails and sands the board so that it is perfect again.”

Another way of putting it, confession takes care of the eternal punishment of sin (in hell) while purgatory takes care of temporal punishment. When we suffer here on earth (by illness or other hardships) we are also purified of this punishment. There are also indulgences, where acts that we do removes some or all of the temporal punishment. This will mean less time in purgatory for us. Purgatory is not a pleasant place to be. Some souls need our prayers to help them get through it. But in the end, souls in purgatory end up in heaven. Please join me in praying that all souls experience the Mercy of God in heaven.

Hibbing Deanery Council of Catholic Women-Spring Convention will be held May 8 at St Mary's Catholic Church in Deer River. Registration will begin at 9:30. Our speaker is Patrice Critchley-Menor and the title of her presentation is "JUST FAITH"... Registration is \$15.00 and payable that day; however, please email (ann_johnston@hotmail.com) or call 218-966-3052 to let us know you're coming. Please see the flyer posted on the bulletin boards for additional information.

Mary Immaculate will be celebrating Divine Mercy this Sunday. Adoration will take place from 1 to 4 PM with opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation throughout. Talks will be at 1:30 and 2:45, Rosary will be at 2:15, Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:30, and Benediction at 3:50. A reception in the social hall will follow.

The Mission Group of Mary Immaculate is asking parishioners to bring 'Onesies', new born to 3month size, of baby T-shirts/pajamas as a donation for fellowship (Kyle and Missy's Waffle brunch) on Sunday MAY 5TH. We are no longer sending our baby layettes to Mother Teresa's Missions but we are now sending them with the nursing student of St Scholastica on their mission trips. Thank you!!

Waffle Breakfast Fundraiser: Please join us Sunday, May 5th for a waffle breakfast after the 10:30am Mass at Mary Immaculate. All free will offerings will go to support Aria Johns. Aria is the 3-year-old daughter of Stacey and Ryan Johns, parishioners of Mary Immaculate. She was recently diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, and so fellow parishioners have organized this event to help them out. Please come! If you cannot attend, you can also donate to Aria's fund at gofundme.com/aria039s-fight or put a donation marked for Stacey and Ryan Johns in the collection basket.

Fund Raiser for New Beginnings Pregnancy Center – From Mother's Day to Father's Day- Saving Babies Lives, pick up a baby bottle in the front entrance of the church, bring it home fill it with money (check, cash or coins) and return it to Mary Immaculate by Father's Day, June 16th. Questions :245-3402

Knights of Columbus MEETING and HIGHWAY CLEANUP Wed. May 1: Highway cleanup 3:30 meet at Hart Lake Road 3 miles South of Swan Lake Bridge; then 5:00 meeting at St. Cecilia's with meal to follow. Plan to attend and help us pick Scholarship recipients; celebrate 20 years of highway cleanup; plus other business.

Mary Immaculate Women's Spring Meeting and Luncheon on May 9th. All women from Mary Immaculate, whether a member of CCW, the Mission Group, or neither are invited to a very important meeting concerning CCW and Granny's Attic after 8:30 am Mass in the social hall. Our spring luncheon will follow at 11:30 am at Nana Chelles in Bovey. Call Carol Peterson @245-3735 or Karen Tok @ 245-3402 for lunch reservations by Wed. May 8th.

Mary Immaculate is inviting you to join our parish choir or become a cantor or both. If interested, call Carol Peterson @ 245-3735.

Ministry Schedules are in the back of the church, please pick yours up.

Readings for the week of April 28, 2019

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26--2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf.17b]/Mt 13:54-58

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-

Youth Minister's Letter

I would like to dedicate this article to ask for prayers and support for the family of Stacey and Ryan Johns. At the beginning of April their 3-year-old, Aria, was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. After the initial tests, the doctors found that Aria also has a rare lymphoblastic mutation (approx 10 cases per year in the US), which increases Aria's odds of relapsing and significantly drops her cure rate. Aria and her family have a long road ahead of them as she will need at least 2.5 years of chemo in addition to other medical treatments. The family is hoping that Aria will be accepted to a cancer treatment trial at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. While this new medication could be a great blessing for Aria, it also means that her family would have many trips down to the cities. Stacey is a stay at home mother to their 3 kids, and Ryan has exhausted his PTO from the many doctor appointments they have already had in Duluth. I am asking you to please consider helping this beautiful family with your prayers as well as financially as you are able. Ryan plays the piano at Mary Immaculate almost every week, and they both participate weekly in family faith formation at Mary Immaculate. Over the past few years it has been such a blessing to me to see the way that our young parents group has evolved in support of each other and our parishes. The Johns, as well as the other young families, have strengthened our parish community through their zeal, example to their children, and volunteer efforts. In a gesture of love and real community, some of the parents from their group will be organizing a Waffle Breakfast fundraiser on Sunday May 5th after the 10:30 Mass at Mary Immaculate. All free will offerings will support Aria's fight. Please come! If you cannot attend, you can also donate to Aria's fund at gofundme.com/aria039s-fight or put a donation marked for Stacey and Ryan Johns in the collection basket. We can't answer why bad things happen to good people, but we sure can help alleviate their suffering. Most importantly, let's fervently pray for a miracle. All our prayers gathered together would be so powerful! Thank you in advance for your support for these members of our parish family.

God Bless, Christina

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