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BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Robert Helmueller's Birthday: 5/10
Valorie Holmstadt's Birthday: 5/11
Joe Wieser's Birthday: 5/13

St. John the Baptist Parish, Plum City, WI
St. Joseph Parish, Arkansaw, WI

MAY 9, 2021

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another." - Jn 15:16-17

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IN GRATITUDE TO MOTHERS

A story is told of a mother who left her baby in the house as she went down to the river to wash clothes. After some time, she heard some screaming and saw a thick smoke. As she ran toward the village, she realized that her house was on fire. "My baby, my baby" she cried. With no thought for her safety she dashed into the house to save her baby. Just as she was leaving, the burning thatched roof collapsed on her but she still managed to whisk the baby to safety. She herself was badly burned and badly disfigured. In her disfigured self, she spent herself and all her energies to fend for her child, to educate him and even to send him to the medical school. Though her boy was a great success, he never returned to the village. After some years the mother, who greatly missed her son, travelled to the city in search for him. With the help of friends, she eventually found the office of her son, the doctor. She knocked on the door and a nurse opened it but was shocked at the sight of the disfigured woman.

"Yes?"
"I want to see my son."
"Who is your son?"
"The doctor."

The nurse left the woman outside the office and went to ask the doctor if he could see his mother.

"My mother? How does she look like?"
"She is horribly disfigured."
"In that case," said the doctor, "she cannot be my mother. My mother is very pretty. Send her away."

Today, we celebrate our mothers. We owe most of what we are to them. Their influence on us is so great that it affects us throughout our lives. They give us life, nurture us, grow us in their faith and religious practices, teach us good manners and ideal behavior. They discipline us as best as they can and fashion us into good men and women for our country and for the Church. They sacrifice their time, talents, treasure, and lives for our sake. Most of their sacrifices have either been met with thanklessness or have gone unacknowledged. Far from being ingrates, we salute today all mothers - mothers in every sense of the term; and bless all who in diverse ways stand for the gift of motherhood. We remember that being a mother stretches far beyond childbirth and so salute the many women who have spent themselves in healing the world and making it a better place for all. We count them as our blessings and pray that God will let His face shine on them. We lavish our love on them and express our profoundest gratitude to them through the fervent prayers we offer in the Holy Eucharist. Through our humble prayers, may the living be richly blessed, and may the dead rejoice in the peace of heaven. Happy Mothers Day.

Have a fruitful week
Fr. Joseph Okine-Quartey

COME FOLLOW ME!

When Peter encountered Jesus for the first time, he was busy doing his daily work, fishing. He was minding his own business, when Jesus approached him and asked him to put his nets out into the deep water for a catch. Although hesitant, he did as Jesus asked him and caught an over-abundance of fish! When they arrived back on shore, Jesus said to Peter, “Come, follow me…” and Peter did.

In just the same way, the Lord continues to work in our world today, approaching us in our normal, daily lives and inviting us to consider following Him. Have you ever considered following the Lord as a priest, like Peter? Do you know of a young man who you think the Lord may be calling to be a priest? Perhaps this is the Lord’s invitation to follow Him.

To begin the conversation or to inquire about what it means to be a priest, please contact me: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. May God bless you!

SOMEONE’S HAVING A BIRTHDAY!!

Please join us in celebrating Father Joe’s *Honorary Grandma’s*, Arleen Ebensperger, 91st birthday on May 17th by sending her a birthday card!! Cards may be sent to: Arleen Ebensperger, PO Box 185, Plum City, WI 54761.

DISCOVER AND SUPPORT THE WORK OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse embodies the heart and hands of Jesus Christ to our neighbor in need. It does incredible work in addressing homelessness and poverty, providing crisis pregnancy and adoption services, assisting the elderly, people with disabilities and immigrants, rushing to aid our communities when disaster strikes, and so much more. Learn about its mission and services, and how you can volunteer or donate, by visiting www.cclse.org.

PRAYER WARRIORS

If you would like to offer prayers for those who are in need or are aware of someone who needs prayers please contact the Parish Office or send an email to prayer.warrior.st.john@gmail.com.

MASS SCHEDULE & DAILY READINGS

Monday: May 10 - St. Damien de Veuster
- **No Mass**

Readings: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b [cf. 4a]/ Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday: May 11
- Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. John the Baptist - ✞ Doug Matzek
- Readings: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: May 12 - Sts. Nereus and Achilleus & St. Pancras
- Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. John the Baptist - ✞ Jerry & Veronica Brunner
- Readings: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: May 13 - Our Lady of Fatima
- Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. John the Baptist - ✞ Mike Pittman
- Readings: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20

Friday: May 14 - St. Matthias the Apostle
- Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. John the Baptist - ✞ Cap & Margaret Bechel
- Readings: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/ Jn 15:9-17

Saturday: May 15 - St. Isidore
- Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. John the Baptist - St. John the Baptist & St. Joseph Parishioners
- Mass: 4:00 p.m., St. Joseph - ✞ Bernard & Darlene Milliren
- Readings: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: May 16 - The Ascension of the Lord
- Mass: 8:00 a.m., St. John the Baptist - ✞ Sandra Milliren
- Mass: 10:15 a.m., St. John the Baptist - St. John the Baptist & St. Joseph Parishioners
- Readings: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

The Rosary is prayed before Mass

SACRAMENTS

Confessions (anytime by appointment)
- Saturdays at 3:15 p.m.: St. Joseph, Arkansaw
- Friday after 8:30 a.m. Mass to 10:00 a.m.: St. John the Baptist, Plum City
- Sunday at 7:15 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.: St. John the Baptist, Plum City

Anointing of the Sick
Please call the Parish Office when needed.

Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the Womb
Please contact the Parish Office if you would like this special blessing.

Baptism
Please contact the Parish Office at least one month in advance.

Marriage
Please call the Parish Office for arrangements at least six months prior to the intended date.

Hospitalized / Homebound
Holy Communion to the sick and homebound is on Thursdays & Saturday evenings and Sundays after Masses. Please contact the Parish Office for arrangements to be made.

Funerals
Please contact the Parish Office before making arrangements.

LITURGICAL ROLES: ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Announcements & Lector
Sun., May 16, 8:00 a.m.
Blair Bechel
Sun., May 16, 10:15 a.m.
Jeff Bergmann

Extraordinary Minister
Sun., May 16, 8:00 a.m.
Todd Glaus
Sun., May 16, 10:15 a.m.
Denise Pelzel

Music
Sun., May 16, 8:00 a.m.
Bob & JoAnn Larson
Sun., May 16, 10:15 a.m.
Annie Hansen & Steve Carlson

Rosary
Sun., May 16, 8:00 a.m.
Peggy Gilles
Sun., May 16, 10:15 a.m.
Holy Name Society

Sacristan
Sun., May 16, 8:00 a.m.
Kathy Luebker
Sun., May 16, 10:15 a.m.
Teresa Fedie

Servers
Sun., May 16, 8:00 a.m.
Parker Bechel
Sun., May 16, 10:15 a.m.
Olivia & Lilly Pullen

Usher
Sun., May 16, 8:00 a.m.
Pete Helmueller & Chad Steele
Sun., May 16, 10:15 a.m.
Terry Pelzel & Steve King

Money Counting
Wed., May 19, 9:00 a.m.
Pat Pittman, Carol Bechel, & Julie Tschumperlin

PCCW NEWS

Officers Needed

The PCCW is looking for a new president and vice president. Our current president, Suzie Brunner, has been president for 2 terms, for a total of 8 years, and is ready to step down. If you are interested in volunteering for these positions, please contact Suzie Brunner (715-495-2699, suzie_brunner@hotmail.com). Thank you!!

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY INTENTION

May: The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.

LITURGICAL ROLES: ST. JOSEPH

Announcements & Lector
Sat., May 15, 4:00 p.m.
Don Peterson

Extraordinary Minister
Sat., May 15, 4:00 p.m.
Dale Klein

Music
Sat., May 15, 4:00 p.m.
Bob & JoAnn Larson

Rosary
Sat., May 15, 4:00 p.m.
Madalyn Fleishauer or
Joyce Haigh

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST KARNIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS

Now on Sale!!

The biggest part of our Karnival proceeds is the Main Raffle. All of the proceeds will be going towards the renovation of St. John the Baptist's heating system. The drawing will be at a date to be determined.

We only have 350 tickets at $50.00 each. You can purchase tickets from:

Ann Bechel 715-279-1237
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We will also be selling them after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Masses on Sundays. The prizes are:

1st Place $1000.00
2nd Place $800.00
3rd - 5th Place $500.00
6th - 7th Place $250.00
8th - 11th Place $200.00
12th - 13th Place $150.00
14th & 15th Place $100.00

Please support this renovation project with the purchase of one or *two* Karnival Raffle Tickets.

Thank you, St. John the Baptist's Karnival Committee

St. John's Karnival Drive thru Barbecue Chicken Dinner

June 6th, 2021, 11:30 a.m. until gone
American Legion Park
1/2 BBQ Chicken Dinner - $10
(includes chips & baked beans)

EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD

On May 6th - 9th, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish (215 S. Washington Ave., Medford, WI 54451) will be hosting the Eucharistic Miracles of the World. Experience 126 approved miracles described on 140 panels from the Vatican International Exhibition of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World. The exhibit is composed of an extensive assortment of photographs and historical descriptions of miracles, healings, and visions. The public will be invited to view the panels on the following dates and times (there is no cost to attend):

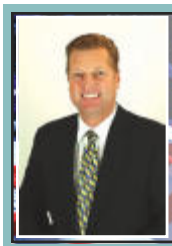
- Sunday, May 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Heavenly Father, from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way.

We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice.

Bless all mothers this day. Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care. May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude. Amen.



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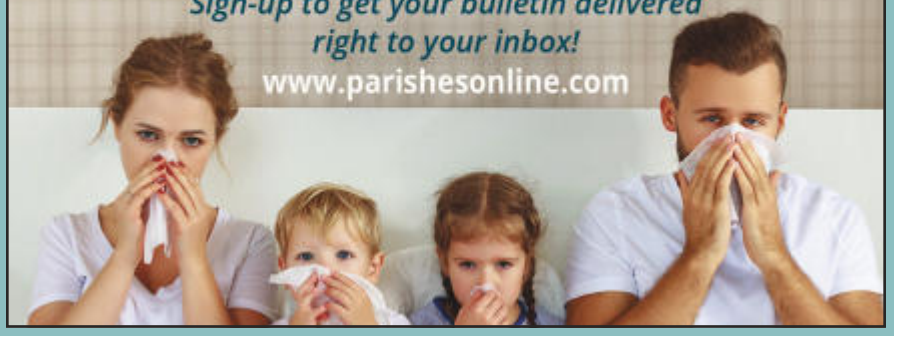

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