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June 16, 2024 ♦ The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

MISSION STATEMENT:

We are called together in fellowship to witness to our Catholic faith through prayer and the celebration of the sacraments. We give testimony to Jesus Christ by reaching out with compassion to others.

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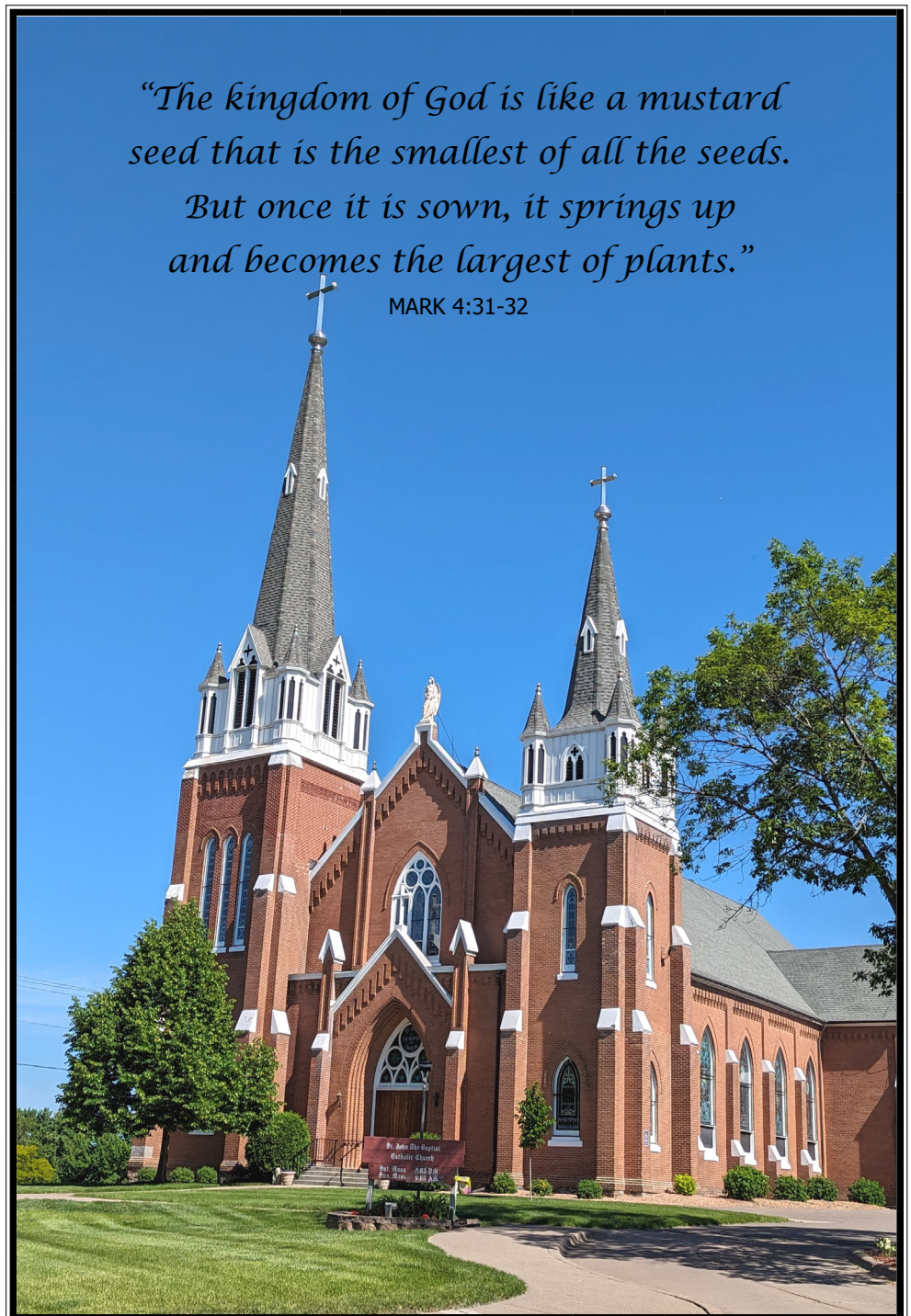
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“The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed that is the smallest of all the seeds. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants.”

MARK 4:31-32





READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/
2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34
Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15
Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/
Mt 6:19-23
Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34/
Mt 6:24-34
Next Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 (1b)/
2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I have lifted high the lowly tree (Ezekiel 17:22-24).
Psalm — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).
Second Reading — Whether we are at home or away, we aspire to please the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:6-10).
Gospel — It is the smallest of all seeds, and becomes the largest of plants (Mark 4:26-34)

CELEBRATIONS OF EUCHARIST:

Wednesday thru Friday 8:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Friday: 7:30 - 7:50 a.m.
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 - 8:40 a.m.
Other times by appointment.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday by 9:00 a.m.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

We warmly welcome new parishioners and request that they register by calling the parish office.

BAPTISM:

Congratulations! We are excited to help you welcome your child into the Church. Parents must attend a Baptism Preparation Class prior to their child's baptism. Please call the parish office to register.

MARRIAGE:

Couples should contact the parish office as soon as possible after their engagement is announced. The preferred preparation period is 12 months. You must be a registered parishioner before setting a wedding date.

♿ **HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE**



17 Mon. **No Mass**
18 Tue. **No Mass**
19 Wed. 8:00 a.m. **No Mass**
20 Thu. 8:00 a.m. Jim Chouinard †
21 Fri. 8:00 a.m. Joan Job †
22 Sat. 5:00 p.m. Ronald Gill †
23 Sun. 9:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. John the Baptist



Next Weekend - June 22 and 23

5:00 P.M.

Ushers: Thomas Bouley
Stacy Glass
Reader: Sheila Long
Server: Paul Dahlheimer
Communion Minister: Marilyn Nordine

9:00 A.M.

Ushers: Rob and Barb Carnes
Reader: Jim Penick
Servers: Danny and Josh Moylan
Communion Minister: Scott Theisen



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS . . .

Bruce Bennett, Jack Bernens, Bena Bourgeois, Marie Corbin, Ken Croteau, Tammie Dahlheimer, Becky Grupa, Donna Rivers Hauan, Bob Huss, Martha Killian, Wayne Lahn, Jane Lenz, Rick Marion, Nikki Miller, Barbara Mulcahy, Phil Novack, Anné Otreмба, Viola Plante, Jodi Playle, Chris Rickart, Catherine Schumacher, Rosemary Steer, Jeanne Watson, Billi Jo Weekley, and Sandi Weekley. Thomas James Barder (grand-nephew of Ed and Char Barder), Raymond Bernard (brother-in-law of Joan Playle), Terri and Charlie Carlson (friends of Anné Otreмба), Linda Chase (daughter of Jim and Bonnie Haberle), Jeff Chouinard (son of Joanne Chouinard), Tammy Courtright (sister of Sue Harff), Darrell Delles (brother-in-law of Joan Playle), Matt Deal (brother of Robyn Bernens), Julie Corbin Dray (niece of Joan Playle), Mike Gulickson (friend of Marilyn Nordine), Gary Hartman (friend of Kathy Bennett), Matt Hennen (nephew of Kathy Bennett), Wayne Jurmu (father of Barb Carnes), Gregory Killian (son of Martha Killian), Mike (bother-in-law of Kathy Bennett), John Novack (brother of Phil Novack), John and Virginia Resler (friends of Lynn Eggert), Dawn Schmidt (friend of Joanne Chouinard), Dave Stasson (brother-in-law of Lucy McAlpine), Carol Ticky (sister of Mary Dahlheimer), Michelle Tuomisto (Teri Ray's nephew's wife), Hudson Wright (cousin of Kathy Timm), and Dan Zapf (grandson of Earl and Elaine Schulenburg).



Notes from the Pastor

Part of me feels that we are reading from the wrong letter to the Corinthians this weekend. Our overall theme is that of growth - from Ezekiel's vision of a cedar tree which represents Israel restored to right relationship with the Lord - to the parable of the sower. So rather than reading from 2 Corinthians 5, I feel like 1 Corinthians 3:6 might be a better fit - Paul planted, Apollos watered, but it is the Lord who causes growth.

I have been experiencing this reality of the Lord causing growth a lot these last few months in my little Arcadian ideal. We have added a fair number of new families, our mass numbers and giving have both been fairly steady if not trending up slightly, and I haven't had to do much more than "normal priest stuff" with the exceptions of baptisms and marriages - both of which are a great joy to me.

But verse 8 of 1 Corinthians 3 points out that each will receive wages in portion to their labor, and our actual second reading calls us to courage. We are going to need some courage and more than a little labor over the next year and a half as we have a lot of major decisions to make as a parish, from hiring a new Director of Music, to tackling our steeple repair and a lot of maintenance issues, to a number of programs and campaigns the Archdiocese is calling us to participate in. Although I feel these next 18, 24, maybe even 36 months are going to cause us to stretch, it will also give us an opportunity to take courage to trust that the Lord who has granted growth will continue to grant us growth in love and service of the Lord and one another.

- Fr. John Powers

MUSIC DIRECTOR JOB OPENING

After 50+ years of serving St. John the Baptist Church, Sharon Williams has made the decision to retire from her position as Music Director. Therefore, we are seeking to hire a new Music Director. Duties include: Planning for the music for weekend and special liturgies, provide accompaniment for the parish music worship program for both weekend liturgies, coordinate the work of the volunteer choir including recruiting, training and support; maintain instruments; and attend monthly Liturgy Committee meetings. Parish music experience preferred. See full position description on our website. Please send Cover letter, resumé and references to: P.O. Box 201, Dayton, MN 55327 or email sjbchurch@yahoo.com.

Have a  good day!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The Liturgical Minister Schedule Request Form for July and August included in the June 2 bulletin is due this weekend. All liturgical ministers and Scrip Sellers are asked to fill out and return one of these forms as this helps considerably in the scheduling process. New ministers are always welcome! Extra forms are available at the exits of the church.

RECTORY OPEN HOUSE

Next Sunday, June 23

Father Powers invites everyone to an Open House at the rectory next Sunday following the 9:00 a.m. Mass until 11:00 a.m.

WE WELCOME IN BAPTISM

Della Mae Benney

daughter of Adam and Erica Benney
baptized on Thursday, June 13, 2024

We welcome our newest member in Baptism. We congratulate her family and pray that this child will grow in wisdom and grace before all.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil."

- 2 Corinthians 5:10

We are all accountable for all of the gifts God has given us – our time, our talent and our treasure; everything we have and everything we are. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How will you respond?

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PARISH SUPPORT



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Holy Day Offering (1)	25.00
Automatic Deposits (30)	<u>2,303.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 5,094.00
Projected Need	\$ 4,800.00
Received Last Week	5,094.00
Projected Need to Date	246,975.00
Amount Received to Date	249,384.00
Surplus - Last Week	2,115.00
- This Week	2,409.00

 Thank You 



*We warmly extend our wishes
for a very Happy Father's Day
to all fathers and grandfathers
of the parish.*



PARISH FESTIVAL NEWS
Sunday, August 4

SIGN UP - Thank you to those of you who signed up last weekend to work a shift! We

need everyone's help to fill the worker shifts. The sign up sheets are located on the table near the vestibule. Sign up is on a first come, first serve basis - so sign up early to get the shift and department that you want.

RAFFLE TICKETS ARE HERE! Please pick up your envelope of Grand Raffle tickets in the vestibule of the church TODAY! Our cash raffle ticket features over \$8,400.00 in prizes this year so don't be apprehensive about asking friends, neighbors, or co-workers to purchase a ticket; most are more than willing to do so.

HELP ADVERTISE - Please pick up copies of our Festival flyer located on the volunteer sign up table and help us advertise our event by posting it in a public location such as on a community bulletin board, work bulletin board, business windows (ask the owner first), etc. Also pass the word to family and friends about the festival and invite them to join us on August 4.

FLEA MARKET - Please be setting aside items for this area of the festival. Small quantities of donations can be dropped off in the social hall anytime. For larger quantities, please call the office to set up a time to drop off.

SILENT AUCTION - We are asking for donations of Theme Baskets as well as other new or very gently used items for this area of the Festival. Also Scrip gift cards in any denomination and for any vendor are welcome. To make a Theme Basket you simply pick a theme such as gardening, camping, barbequing, an ethnic cuisine such as Italian or Asian - and fill a basket with items related to that theme. When bringing in your theme basket, please put a value on it to help us establish a minimum bid and attach a list of the items included to the outside of the basket. Be creative and have fun!!

COUNTRY STORE - This is an area of the Festival for everyone to let your talent shine. We know we have some wonderful bakers and many talented crafts people and gardeners in this parish. Be thinking of what kind of produce, plants, flowers, crafts, etc. that you could donate for our Country Store.

GET A POP - GIVE A POP DRIVE - We are looking for donations of pop for our Children's and Teen's Ring Toss game. Pop in plastic bottles of any size are welcome. Drop off donations in the social hall.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS at St. John's will be July 29, 30 and 31 this year from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Registration forms are available on the Faith Formation bulletin board in the cry room. Register before June 15 to receive a t-shirt. For questions, contact Sarah Moylan at sarah.sjbchurch@gmail.com.

EXTREME FAITH CAMP

Please keep our campers in your prayers this week as they are away at Extreme Faith Camp (Alayna, Emily, Danny, Brooklyn, Josh, Ethan, Matthew, Isaiah, Brooks and Nolan). We hope that they will be open to feeling Christ's love and to growing in relationship with Him. Come Holy Spirit!

SET/PECS NEWS

Thought it would be nice to hear from one of the facilitators on her experience with the Small Groups.

From Barb Carnes:

First of all, leading a small group, (or any group) was not something I thought I could do. Thinking...don't you need to be qualified for such a position? But, with gentle persuasion from God, and the SET Committee, I decided to give it a try.

It's been a wonderful experience! The people in our group have become very close, we are all at different times in our lives, but still show support to each other and respect each other's privacy.

I let them know right away that help may be needed and that I'm not perfect. They have been very understanding if I make any mistakes as a leader. 😊

I just hope that more people in our church will join a group or make one of their own. It's one of the best ways to get to know people in the church and grow as a community. It's a great place to ask questions, too.

Thank YOU Barb for doing such a wonderful job with the group!

The Feed My Starving Children event was fun and rewarding. A big thank you to Sharon Williams for organizing.

Watch for more news on upcoming small groups. And yes, more testimony!

HEALING MASS

Wednesday, June 26 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., St. Paul, Ham Lake. Father Jim Livingston will celebrate a Mass that aims at helping people find healing in whatever areas they may require it, including physical, emotional, or spiritual situations. A time of individual prayer follows. Prayer teams will also be available to pray for specific needs. All are welcome. Learn more at churchofsaintpaul.com/healing-mass.

GOSPEL DIFFERENCES

Question:

Why do the Gospels differ in their details? I was surprised to learn that not all of the Gospels tell the same stories, for example, the Nativity. Doesn't this take away from their credibility?

Answer:

Take any event that happens, from family trips to national politics and ask two or three different people to explain what happened. You will get a different version of the same story. People tend to tell the story from their perspective, and past experience shades what we recall and how we recall it. Our choice of words and what details we leave in or out is also influenced by the audience who is listening to our tales.

The Gospel writers are no different. Each one tells the story of Jesus from their own perspective. Versions differ in some details, not because one is true and the other is not, but because each Gospel writer, or Evangelist, has a different theological point to communicate as well as a different audience for whom he is writing. He picks and chooses the details of his Gospel based on what message he is preaching, what his audience may already know, and what message they need to hear. The various details of the Gospels point more to their authenticity as a record of the church's experience and understanding of Jesus. In a good study Bible, the background notes for each Gospel contain a lot of information that helps us better understand each Evangelist and his message. ©LPI

COMMUNITY EVENTS

13TH ANNUAL WIDOWS DAY OF REFLECTION - Saturday, June 15, 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Our Lady of Grace, Edina with guest speaker: Bishop Joseph Williams. This Day of Reflection is for all widows; both recent and long-time widows will experience the Church's concern for them as they navigate a status in life they did not choose. The cost for this retreat is \$30 and includes breakfast and lunch. For questions call 952.929.3317.

RURAL LIFE SUNDAY CELEBRATION - Sunday, June 23. Please join in this year's Archdiocesan Rural Life Sunday Celebration on June 23, hosted by Fr. Michael Miller on his farm – "Taste of Heaven" at 12890 70th Street West, New Prague. The celebration begins with Sunday Mass at 1:30 p.m. with Bishop Joseph Williams presiding. Following, there will be lunch, music, fun activities for children and families, and animals to see. Please join the parishioners from the Churches of St. Patrick and St. Catherine, along with others from throughout the Archdiocese to pray, remember, and celebrate all the good things God has given us in our rural way of life. For more details, including a map and directions, visit archspm.org/events, or call 651.238.2074.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, June 16	Happy Father's Day! 8:00 a.m. Confessions (till 8:40 a.m.) 8:30 a.m. Rosary 9:00 a.m. Mass
Monday, June 17	Extreme Faith Camp for Middle Schoolers Begins
Tuesday, June 18	7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting, Social Hall
Wednesday, June 19	Juneteenth Day No 8:00 a.m. Mass
Thursday, June 20	First Day of Summer 8:00 a.m. Mass
Friday, June 21	7:30 a.m. Confessions (till 7:50 a.m.) 8:00 a.m. Mass Extreme Faith Camp for Middle Schoolers Ends
Saturday, June 22	4:00 p.m. Confessions (till 4:30 p.m.) 4:30 p.m. Rosary 5:00 p.m. Mass Hospitality following Mass hosted by the CCW
Sunday, June 23	8:00 a.m. Confessions (till 8:40 a.m.) 8:30 a.m. Rosary 9:00 a.m. Mass Rectory Open House following Mass



SCRIP NEWS

For the Graduate - Remember to use SCRIP when purchasing a gift for the graduate or easier yet just give the gift card itself. Some ideas: Office Depot/Office Max, Best Buy, Barnes & Noble, Kohl's, Visa, Walmart, and many others or give gas cards to places like Kwik Trip, Holiday or SuperAmerica.

For the Gardener - Remember that you can use Scrip gift cards at the Garden Centers found in Walmart, Menards, Home Depot, Fleet Farm, and Lowe's.

Summer Travel - Remember to help pump-up our profits by purchasing Scrip gift cards for your gasoline needs before heading out of town. We carry in inventory Kwik Trip, SuperAmerica, and Holiday cards. Or you can pre-order for BP, Cenex, Exxon, Mobil, or Shell.

Scrip Sellers for Next Weekend

- June 22 5:00 p.m. Patti Fodstad-Bouley
Morlene MacGregor
- 23 9:00 a.m. Joanne Chouinard & Darlene Hagel

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