

Church of St. John the Baptist
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Confessions: Sat.Night 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

April 28, 2019 – Sunday of Divine Mercy

Mon. 29 8:30 a.m. Intention of Fr. Ron
 Tues. 30 NO SERVICES
 Wed. May 1 5:45 p.m. Margaret Dockendorf
 Thurs. May 2 NO SERVICES
 Sat. May 4 7:30 p.m. People of the Parish
 Sun. May 5 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Bring up the Gifts:

Saturday: The ushers
 Sunday: The ushers

USHERS FOR MAY

Sat. Dan Primus & Bob Koetter
 Sun. Phil Cichon & Dave Hollenkamp

SERVERS FOR MAY

Sat. anyone who can help
 Sun. Frank Meagher & Connor Gerads

LECTORS FOR MAY

Sat. Joni Primus
 Sun. Mary Hollenkamp

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR MAY

Sat. Julie & Jerry Hollermann
 Sun. Jay & Heidi Loven
 Richard Knopik & Marge Mettler

**We have dates available for a Mass to be said.
 Call the Office or stop in to set a date you
 would like a Mass said for someone.**

Wedding Banns 1 for
 Emily VanHeel & Andrew Jendro.

St. Anthony Parish in St. Cloud invites us to join them for their **Spring Fiesta Sunday, May 5th**, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. enjoy a taco meal and schwan's ice cream. Adults \$9 ages 6-12 \$6. Music by Paul Drinkwine. Raffle prizes include a handcrafted grandfather clock donated by Fr. Tom Knoblach, queen size quilt, gift card pkg. and cash prized. There is also a silent auction.

Children from all over the world asked Pope Frances questions. Here are some of his answers:

1) Do you know that God listens to us? Yes, He listens to us, but not with ears. God can hear us even if words don't come out of our mouths. God listens to the heart. Jesus also said this: When we pray, we don't have to say many things, we don't have to have long discussions with God. They aren't needed. What we need to do, however, is to really open our hearts to Him. We must open our hearts just as they are. Then God can listen to what we have in our hearts. And Jesus, because He is God, is near to every person and listens to everyone. He is God, and He can do this.

2) We all have a guardian angel ! One way to help people who are doing bad things is to pray to their guardian angels so their angels can help them do what is good. Another thing you can do is pray to your own guardian angel so that he becomes friends with the guardian angel of a person who is doing wrong. That person's angel can urge him to come to his senses. Children should realize that every person – bad or good – has a guardian angel to pray to so that their angels can take care of them. God gives us angels to help us improve, change, and become people who do what pleases God. Guardian angels accompany people who do wrong. The angels try to help them realize their mistakes and where they are not on the right path. Our angels help us think good thoughts and, in general, they take care of us. Of course, some people don't always listen to their guardian angels, and some almost never listen. Still, their angel always accompanies them---always.

Office hours are normally 8 a.m. to noon. However, they do vary so call before coming to be sure I am here. 547-2920. Just me – Val -- home phone 547-2479. for the bulletin: stjohnschurchswanville.org OR you can also get the bulletin on face book now. Diocese web page: www.stclouddiocese.org our e-mail: stjohnscatholicswanville@centurylink.net

HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE

Collection for April 20th & 21st

Adult Easter	\$ 5,258.00	Ascension	\$ 20.00
Plate Easter	\$ 737.00	Fall collection	\$ 200.00
Holy Thurs.	\$ 136.00	Assumption	\$ 20.00
Good Friday	\$ 445.00	World Mission	\$ 20.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 56.88	All Saints Day	\$ 20.00
Visitor paper	\$ 20.00	All Souls Day	\$ 20.00
Overseas Appeal	\$ 35.00	Catholic Charities	\$ 300.00
Bishop Appeal	\$ 100.00	Immaculate Conc.	\$ 20.00
Funeral Lunch	\$ 200.00	Home Missions	\$ 10.00
Peters Pence	\$ 20.00		

TOTAL \$7,637.88

Thank you for your gifts and support !

FAITH FORMATION
 Marge Mettler – Coordinator 547-2513

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SAY THIS PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious God and Father, We praise You for Your goodness and love. We ask You to stir the hearts of all those You call to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life in the Diocese of Saint Cloud. Send Your Holy Spirit upon our families and our children. Choose from our parishes, our homes and our schools those called to this adventure of love. With Mary, Mother of every vocation, we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

PLANNING ANNOUNCEMENT:

Will the roles of lay leadership change for the needs of the Area Catholic Community? In order to facilitate the collaboration and cooperation of parishes within an ACC, lay leaders may need to be added or adapted. Our parishes will be stronger through these changes. They will evolve over time.

PARISH PLANNING MEETING IN LONG PRAIRIE

ALL parish members of the 5 parish communities are invited to a planning meeting Friday, May 3rd, at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel. Brenda Kresky will give more information on the 5 parish grouping.

NO BOARD MEETINGS MAY 13TH. FR. RON WILL LET US KNOW WHEN THE NEXT ONE WILL BE

Just to let you know, our friends in **Grey Eagle has their Auction/Dinner Friday, June 14th**, at the Hub Supper Club.

Some Dueling Proverbs :

- 1) He who hesitates is lost...but look before you leap.
- 2) Birds of a feather flock together...but opposites attract.
- 3) You're never too old to learn...but you can't teach an old dog new tricks.
- 4) Variety is the spice of life...but don't change horses in midstream.
- 5) Doubt is the beginning, not the end, of wisdom...but faith will move mountains.
- 6) Silence is golden....but the squeaky wheel gets the grease.

Enjoy our Spring—Summer is just around the corner.