

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

Sept. 23, 2018 - 25th Sun. of ordinary time

Mon. 17th 8:00 a.m. Dorothy Koetter
Tues. 18th 8:00 a.m. Rosary & Comm. Service
Wed. 19th 5:45 P.M. People of the parish
Thur. 20th 8:00 a.m. Rosary & Comm. Service
Sat. 22nd 7:30 P.M. Poor Souls
Sun. 23rd 10:30 a.m. People of the parish

TAKE UP GIFTS

Sat. the ushers

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USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sat. Charles Pelzer & Tom Nienaber

Sun Dave Hollenkamp & Glen Throener

SERVERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sat. Sept. 1 & 8: Any server present

Sat. Sept. 15,22,29 Beau & Alex Thoma

Sun. Sept. 2 & 9 Kaleb & Sam Primus

Sun. Sept. 16,23,30 Jamison Koetter & Kaleb Primus

LECTORS FOR SEPTEMBER

Saturdays : Rosemary Nienaber

Sundays : Mary Hollenkamp

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sat. Rosemary Nienaber & Joyce Johnson

Sun. Gail Rieffer & Diane Loven

Jay & Heidi Jo Loven

PLEASE 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

St. Stanislaus Church in Sobieski has their 15th annual Bazaar

Sept. 23rd at the Sobieski Community Center serving from 11:00 till 2:00. Enjoy Gorka's famous chicken and Aluskis with all the trimmings and homemade pies with ice cream. There are events such as gun raffle, all cash raffle, bingo, silent auction, cake walk, kids games, live music, etc. If you can, go and enjoy your Sunday and help support them.

If you have any input regarding rules and regulations for the cemetery, please call the office and I will give the information to the cemetery board.

Fr. Ron and the Parish Board and Financial Council want to thank all who have been generous of their time and donations in our collections. You not only keep our parish open but help many around the world who are in need of your help. Thank you !!!

Once again the "**Public Rosary for our country**" will be prayed Saturday, Oct. 13th, at 10:00 a.m. at the Swanville Park. Please bring your own lawn chairs. Our country NEEDS OUR PRAYERS !!! We invite people from our neighboring towns to join us.

St. Cloud Diocese holds their "Social Concerns" gathering at St. Louis Parish in Paynesville Saturday, Oct. 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. All in the Diocese are invited to attend. Keynote speaker is Kay King talking about how to create caring faith communities. Many topics will be covered but this year the key topic will be about mental Health. Cost is \$20 which includes a meal, resource displays, sharing & prayer with Bishop Kettler. For more information or to register go to www.ccstcloud.org/events.

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

HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE

Collection for September 15th & 16th

Adult	\$ 1,527.00
Plate	\$ 314.25
Fall Collection	\$ 45.00
Bell Tower chimes	\$ 3,050.00
Human Dev.	\$ 53.00
India Flood	\$ 70.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,059.25

Thank you for your gifts and support !

Thank you to those who have donated to our Bell Tower Chimes. All donations no matter what amount, are GREATLY appreciated. You can send your donation to the church or put it in the collection basket. There is still a balance of \$1,800.

Mass attendance Saturday 89
Mass attendance Sunday 110

FAITH FORMATION

Marge Mettler – Coordinator 547-2513
Religious Education Classes are Wednesday, Sept. 26th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Let's make this a great year.

Please pray for our 10th & 11th grader students who are preparing for confirmation.

In last weeks bulletin I missed thanking Eileen Sandberg for helping with the religious ed. classes.

Students grades 9-12 are invited to the Youth Conference held in Detroit Lakes Sat. Oct. 27th 1:00 p.m. to Sun. Oct. 28th 1:00 p.m. Contact Marge before Oct.22nd so we can get registered early and save \$15 per person.

If you need more raffle tickets, you can get them at the office or sacristy. Please sell as many as possible . We only have two fundraisers each year and we need your help to make this a successful event. You can return any sold (or unsold) tickets and money to the office OR put in the collection basket.

PLEASE SIGN UP TO WORK AT THE CRAFT FAIR COMING REAL SOON. Sheets are on the table in the entrance.

You can still give a donation towards the cost of the bell system. Any amount will be appreciated.

You may have to read this a couple of times to fully understand what it means and how true it is:.....
Grief, I've learned, is really just love. It's all the love you want to give but cannot. All that unspent love gathers up in the corners of your eyes, the lump in your throat, and in that hollow part of your chest. Grief is just love with no place to go. Jamie Anderson