



“GOOD SEEDS”

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Special Notes of Interest:

May 7-8, Annual Rose Sale sponsored by Parish Family Life.

May 9, Monday, May Crowning, 7:00 p.m.

May 11, Wednesday, Parish Office closed for Diocesan Seminar

May 27, Saturday, 6:30 p.m. Pacelli Graduation

June 1, Wednesday, St Peter Graduation.

June 3-5, Parish Picnic

June 7-July 22, Fr. Jerzy on vacation

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Summer Mass Schedule

Summer Mass Schedule begins one week following Picnic. As a reminder the schedule is Saturday 4:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m. This schedule will continue until Labor Day Weekend. Following Labor Day Weekend, we will return to the three Mass Schedule.

CONGRATULATIONS!

First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, May 1, at 1:00 p.m. Congratulations to each family wherein this Sacrament of Initiation will be received! May the Eucharist draw you closer to Jesus and inspire the desire to share in this Sacrament often!

Confirmation will be celebrated on May 22, 3:00 p.m., here at St. Joseph Parish. Our candidates will be receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit. May these gifts help them in their journey of life to know Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgment, Courage, Knowledge, Reverence, Wonder & Awe!

Mass of Anointing

Friday, May 13
11:00 a.m.

The Sacrament of Anointing is not just for physical healing but for mental and spiritual healing as well. If you or someone you know would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please plan to attend. All are welcome. A light luncheon will be served following the celebration. Any questions please call Kris Hansen, Religious Office 341-1617 ext 112 or 340-7751.

Senior Day Tours

We still have a few seats available for 2011 trips: Thursday, July 28, — Fireside Theatre to see “David.” Price of this tour is \$82.00.

Thursday, August 18, — Clausens Family Music Show in Coloma. Price if \$54.00

Thursday, October 6, — The Dancing Horses Theatre in Delavan. Price is \$71.00.

If interested call Kobishops at 715-344-2276.

Thank You

Religious Education programs are concluding. This marks a good time to say “thanks” to our Coordinator of Children’s Ministries — Lynn Meyer, our Youth Minister – Teresa Loepfe, our Religious Education Office Assistant – Renee Schneeberg, our Pastoral Minister – Kris Hansen who leads the RCIA process and the many catechists, aides, and volunteers who offer hours of service to make our programs successful! Thank you to all families who participated in our programs. We trust your family has grown in faith and is deepening a connection with Jesus! May your family continue with our programs and encourage other inactive families to join!

Have you taken notice of the Giving Tree in the Parish Family Center?

Several items are awaiting purchase for the parish. Stop by and take a peek soon as the Giving Tree will be taken down Memorial Day weekend. Thank you for supporting our parish through the Giving Tree!

May Day!

The first of May has traditionally been a day for May Day celebrations. Did you ever dance around a maypole or deliver baskets of mayflowers in your neighborhoods? This year St. Joseph Parish has something extra special to celebrate. It's First Communion! 19 youngsters will be welcomed to the table of the Lord for the first time on Divine Mercy Sunday. And how special for us that May 1 is also the day when Pope John Paul II will be beatified! We have much to celebrate and to be thankful for this May Day.

First Communion Liturgy
May 1 at 1:00 p.m.

Pray for these children and their families:

Jacob Bembenek	Caleb Miskowski
Nicholas Berns	Nathan Mittelstaedt
Sydney Gargulak	Ryan Peskie
Mackenzie Hetzel	Alexis Schlice
Landen Kawleski	Jerod Schulist
Cade Konczal	Jenna Stolt
Samuel LaMotte	Nolan Thalacker
Abigail Martin	Isaac Wininger
Macy Mendyke	Creed Zagrzebski
Olivia Mendyke	

May Crowning

Monday, May 9, 7:00 p.m.

You are invited to join in giving honor to the Blessed Mother. St. Joseph Parish First Communicants and parents have been invited to participate also. Following the service in church, there will be refreshments and sociability.

Pray for Youth

Please pray for the youth that will be going to Door County for Youth Expeditions, Drummond, Wisconsin for Adventure Camp and St. Paul Minnesota for the Steubenville conference.

Picnic 2011

June 3, 4, 5

Lots of good food, music and activities have been planned. Mark your calendar and join in for all of the fun.

Here are some ways to help:

- Plan to work a shift(s) Picnic wk. (sign up begins in May)
- Donate items to Cherry Tree, Country Store, Kids' Games or Silent Auction.
- Bake a cake or cupcakes for the Cake Walk, bring June 5.
- Purchase or sell raffle tickets.
- Consider a cash donation to offset the cost of this year's picnic.
- Pray for good weather and the success of Picnic 2011!

Together we can make this

One Terrific Picnic!

Mike Horgan, 344-5050
Dave Osier, 544-0674
Ellen Miskowski, 341-2578

Silent Auction

Your donation(s) of new items for this year's picnic, as well as antiques and collectibles for "Grannie's Attic" are most welcome. Please place them in the designated collection box in the Parish Family Center. (Please include your name so that we may recognize your generosity on the bid card.) Or you may call us for pick-up or questions/information about your item(s). We would also very much appreciate donations from home business owners (Avon, Tupperware, etc.) and home business services (baking, landscaping, carpentry, etc.) Thank you for your generosity. Ken and Meg Erler (345-0953) Brian and Mary Guzman (341-9297) Paul and Kris Hesch (341-1075).

Country Store

Calling all parishioners who have been given the gift of creativity! The Country Store is in need of homemade crafts for the June 3-5



Picnic. There will be a designated collection box in the Parish Family Center as we get closer to Picnic weekend.

Homemade goodies are always appreciated in the bakery section of the Country Store. These items may be dropped off anytime during Picnic weekend. We appreciate you packaging and pricing them for us.

Co Chairs:

Diane Dietsche (344-1807)
Diane Karner (715-457-4759)
Raquel Miskowski

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Are you interested in entering the Catholic faith from another Christian faith tradition? Are you an adult Catholic, who has never completed the initiation process by being confirmed? Are you an adult who has never been baptized? If you or someone you know fits into one of these categories, we have the means to help. It is called the RCIA process. We meet Tuesday evenings beginning in September. If you or someone you know is interested in joining the RCIA process this fall, please call Kris Hansen at the Religious Education Office 341-1617 ext 112 evenings or leave a message at 340-7751 with name and address of the person who is interested. An official letter will be sent with the details about preparing for this process.

Share your legacy!

Have you made a will? Have you included your Parish Family? Support the work of faith within the community of St. Joseph Parish! Estate contributions assist our annual income or help the growth of the St. Joseph Congregation, Stevens Point Endowment Trust! Leave a legacy to the Parish that reflects your connection to your parish. Give thanks to the Lord always! As you desired in life, tithe with your estate.

Youth Corner

Youth Mass: First Friday of every month from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the old convent at St. Stephen.

Summer Stuff:

Catholic Youth Expeditions:

June 12-15, 2011 — Camping in Door County. This event is open to high school students (must have completed your freshman year). Cost is \$45 plus travel. Sign-up due by May 25, 2011.

Adventure Camp:

June 19-24, 2011 at Drummond, WI. Kayak, swim, canoe, rock-climb, adore, and more at Adventure Camp held at Crosswoods Camp in Drummond, WI. Join youth from the deanery at this incredible camp! Cost for the week is roughly \$450.

Steubenville St. Paul, MN Conference:

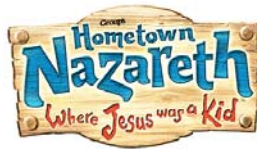
July 28-31, 2011 — Inviting all 9-12th graders to a conference that will feature an exciting line-up of speakers, musicians, and presenters!

Find out more information at the Youth Website:
www.saintsadventure.org

We're Off To Nazareth!

June 13-17
9:00a.m. -12 noon
St. Joseph Parish

This summer the Vacation Bible Campers will step into bible history as they experience an unforgettable adventure - in NAZARETH! For one week, St. Joseph Parish will be transformed into *Hometown Nazareth* where Jesus was a kid. Each day campers will listen to Jesus' mother, Mary, as she tells stories about events in their family life. We'll learn about ancient Palestinian culture as merchants let us attempt their crafts in the Marketplace and sample food at Nazareth Nibbles. (Ever eat a locust?) We'll even join in the Neighborhood Games just as Jesus did when he was a boy.



Registration brochures are available at the church entrances and through the Religious Education Office, (715) 341-1617 x115. Children who are currently in 4-K through 5th grade may register. We are also recruiting older children and adults to volunteer at camp.

A 3-day camp will be held at St. Bronislava the next week.
June 21-23
9:00 – 2:00 (Tues. & Wed.)
9:00am – 12 noon (Thurs.)

Register for either Nazareth experience on the brochure.

Parish Office Closed May 11 for Diocesan Training

Members of Class 2011

St. Joseph Parish will be remembering you in the Prayers of the Faithful on the weekend of May 21-22 .

New Words: A Deeper Meaning, but the Same Mass

The Roman Missal is the ritual text containing prayers and instructions for the celebration of the Mass. A new translation has been approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and will be implemented across the country on the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2011.

Hopefully this will be an opportunity to deepen our understanding of the Sacred Liturgy as we take time to learn some new phrases to use during various parts of the Mass. More information will be coming this summer and fall, via parish bulletins, other reading material, and through a guest presenter from the Diocese who will speak to all interested members of St. Joseph Parish in September. If you would like to begin learning more now, there is a wealth of information on the USCCB website at www.usccb.org/romanmissal. May we remain "together in faith" and grow in our faith as we work with these changes!



St. Anne' s News

Please join with us and our First Communicants on Monday, May 9, at 7:00 p.m. for May Crowning. We will be having a Living Rosary that evening and the Crowning of our Blessed Mother, Mary. Ladies are needed to participate in the Living Rosary. Please call Deb Peltier at 715-342-1517 if you are able to help out. Following the service there will be refreshments served in the Parish Family Center.

St. Anne's Vice- President Esther Bigus has decided to resign from the position as of May 9. We thank her for many years of service and would like to welcome Kathy Tetzloff as our new Vice- President!

Spirituality Day will be Saturday, June 25, in Chippewa Falls. St. Anne's has decided to charter a bus for those who wish to join us. Activities will be at Notre Dame Catholic Church. Cost of this trip is \$30.00 per/person. This price includes the bus and registration. Bus leaves from St. Joseph Parish parking lot at 6:45 a.m. sharp and returns by 5:00 p.m. Deadline to register is June 8, Call Kobishops at 344-2276.

IN MEMORIA

The following members of our parish community have died within the previous three months. We continue to remember them in prayer and extend the wish of God's peace to their families:

Florene Sanders
Joseph Gliszinski
Stanley Literski
Joseph Sadogierski

The Glory of the Risen Christ will be known to the whole world!

My Dear Friends,

Easter celebrations are just behind us although the strength and blessings we have obtained through them remain with us in order to sustain our spirit and dedication to Our Loving Father.

St. Paul has written that everything we do should serve the glory of God. And exactly in that call all preparations at St. Joseph for the Holy Week and Easter have been done. Volunteers, your commitment and dedication were greatly appreciated by all who have attended our Church services at that time. May God bless all who worked so hard. As your Pastor I am proud that we have so many volunteers deeply engaged in parish life – thank you very much! For those of you who would like to be more active – please remember, we have always a spot for you to use your talents.

The Lenten season, as we all know, is a time where we should look more at our spiritual life and our relationship with God and others. As the letter from our Stewardship Committee has indicated (thank you very much for your guidance), we should also think about how to share our goods with others, especially with those in need. The answer from our parish was great again!

With proud heart I can say we have accomplished and reached the goal of the Diocesan Annual Appeal. I said “with proud heart” and I mean it. You have proved that the needs of people are on your hearts. And I know that many of you have given up not only extras of your means, but even a part of a home budget.

This way we have the opportunity to help people around the world with the assistance of our Diocese that always is looking at the needs of people as well as at our needs as a parish. Many of the means will bring help abroad – Japan, Haiti, the orphanage in Peru. Some of them will remain within our diocese to help the vocation program, the Catholic School System, which we are part of, and many other programs that our Diocese assists its faithful with.

We all repeat almost the same phrase when talking about how we are doing financially: “The economy is not good” and at some point we can agree with it. We can feel it in a most hard way in our wallet. In times like this we should think more about others who are in a worse situation than we are. Maybe you know someone who needs help. Please let us know. Some people as you know will never say that they are in need, but maybe you can see it.

We have several events to look forward to in the near future. We have a nice group of First Communion children this year. I really enjoyed spending some time with them when we had retreat. I want to thank parents for their involvement. The meetings with parents were well attended. Confirmation is coming also. So we will celebrate this event sharing the joy of receiving the Gifts of the Holy Spirit with the confirmandi and their families and friends. Please keep them all in your prayers.

One more event is approaching very fast, namely our Picnic in June. I am very much excited about it. I have attended Picnic meetings and we have a very well organized team and great volunteers so it should be a good time for all of us to attend this event, see each other and our friends. Except for Spiritual celebrations, this is the best time to extend our hospitality to others. But before the pleasure will take place we have many things to do. So if you are free to help and want to join the great people who work and also have fun, just JOIN US! Also please spread a GOOD word about our Picnic to others.

As we can feel it in the air summer is approaching with nice weather as well as vacation time. So I would like to wish all of you, especially children and youth, a great vacation. And I would like to remind you that we do not take vacation from Church. So please keep God and His commandments first and He will stay with you to support you and lift up your spirit.

I will go also on vacation (June 7 – July 22). This time I will not have to teach so I will have more time to spend with my parents. They are both 78. My mom had colon cancer 3 years ago and she is doing okay but not great. My dad fell from a tree last year and he spent the whole year at the hospital so this vacation time will be a special one for me. Also I will travel a couple of days to Austria to visit my priest friends who work there. A few days I will spend time in Rome, Italy where I also have friends; I love this city's atmosphere and the touch of time in it.

During my absence you will have three priests to substitute for me: Fr. Norman Boneck, who is a retired priest from our Diocese, a missionary priest, and a priest of the Food for the Poor organization. *Take the chance to have peace of mind from my preaching; they are all good preachers and they do not speak with a heavy accent.*

Lastly but with sincere heart, I would like to thank you for Easter cards, all good wishes, prayers and presents. Big thanks for my birthday wishes and gifts! May God Bless You all as you remain in my prayer.

Fr. Jerzy Rebacz