

This Week in Our Parishes

Sunday, August 23

8:00 a.m. Mass +Vic & Sophie Pacher & Vic Jr. (JOE)
 8:00 a.m. Mass For the People (BRE)
 10:00 a.m. Mass +Anna Belle Bartels (JOHN)
 10:00 a.m. Mass +Bernice Strobel (MAR)

Monday, August 24

8:00 a.m. Mass +Jim Klobe (MAR)
 8:30 a.m. Mass +Thomes & Irene O'Neil (BRE)

Tuesday, August 25

8:30 a.m. Mass +Roy & Catherine Berger (BRE)
 8:30 a.m. Mass +Mildred Engel (JOE)
 5:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Confession (MAR)
 6:00 p.m. Mass +Jim & Betty Volz (MAR)

Wednesday, August 26

8:00 a.m. NO Mass (MAR)
 8:30 a.m. Mass +Poor Souls (JOHN)

Thursday, August 27

8:00 a.m. Mass +LaDonna Reinhart (MIC)
 8:30 a.m. Mass +Claude & Bernice McGuire (BRE)
 8:30 a.m. NO Mass (JOE)

Friday, August 28

8:00 a.m. Mass +Charlie Thomes (MAR)
 8:30 a.m. NO Mass (JOE)
 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Confession (MIC)
 5:00 p.m. Mass +Calvin & Bernette Zumhofe (BRE)

Saturday, August 29

4:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Confession (MIC)
 5:00 p.m. Mass +LaDonna Reinhart (MIC)
 5:00 p.m. Mass +Larene Kehoe (JOE)

Sunday, August 30

8:00 a.m. Mass +Elmer & Berniece Wentzclaff (BRE)
 8:00 a.m. Mass For the People (JOE)
 10:00 a.m. Mass +Merlin Bartels Sr. (JOHN)
 10:00 a.m. Mass For the People (MAR)

Remember in Prayer:

Lucy Kauffmann

Parker Doebbeling (grandson of Francis/Wendy Bigaouette)

Chad H.

Natalie (Kopp) Eiden
 Russ Kopp

Caroline Reckdahl

Megan Wiltgen

Claudia Wetzal

CODE

St. Brendan, Green Isle – (BRE)

St. John, Assumption – (JOHN)

St. Joseph, Henderson – (JOE)

St. Mary, Arlington – (MAR)

St. Michael, Gaylord – (MIC)

FORMED

Please check out the FORMED website at formed.org for free access to thousands of Catholic movies, programs, audios, and books instantly. The code for the website is **TKY88G**.

Confession Times

Friday, August 28, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (MIC)

Saturday, August 29, 4:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. (MIC)

Liturgical Ministers for August 29 & 30 for St. Joe and St. John

	Lector
5:00 p.m. St. Joe	Anita Olson
8:00 a.m. St. Joe	Teresa Steinborn
10:00 a.m. St. John	Jeremy Fahey

Yearly Virtus

If you are a volunteer and are Virtus trained. The yearly trainings have been sent out. Please check your emails and do them as soon as possible. If you are receiving them and you no longer want to be Virtus trained. Please contact the Parish Offices

Bulletin

Please have your bulletin items to Terri or Bonnie at your Parish Office by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Mass Intentions needed at All Churches

Our Area Faith Community could use Mass intentions. If you would like to have a Mass said for the repose of the soul of a loved one, please fill out a Mass Intention envelope and return it in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office.

Programs & Resources

Pre-Baptism Program

Best done during pregnancy. Required before baptism. Contact the pastor for materials and information.

Pre-Marriage Program

A six-month preparation period and attendance at a marriage preparation class is required. Contact the pastor.

Catholic Charities Counseling

Call 1-(866)-670-5163 for resources and assistance.

Diocese of New Ulm Sexual Misconduct in Church Ministry, Victims and Survivors Hotline

Call (507) 233-5313 for assistance.

ST. MARY'S ON-LINE GIVING

We are pleased to offer this new, online giving service to our parishioners - especially during this unusual season when not everyone is able to attend Holy Mass.

Please don't hesitate to call Terri at the St. Mary's office if you have any questions about on-line giving.

office: (507) 964-5413 email: stmararl@frontiernet.net

We thank you for your support of our parishes. May God bless you abundantly!

Weekly Collection/Budget Totals

	Current Collection		Current YTD	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
St. Brendan	\$ 542	\$ 736	\$ 5,037	\$ 5,152
St. John	\$ 472	\$ 953	\$ 5,984	\$ 6,671
St. Joseph	\$ 2,715	\$1,106	\$ 7,319	\$ 7,742
St. Mary	\$ 812	\$2,062	\$ 16,737	\$ 14,434
St. Michael	\$ 1,085	\$ 1,431	\$ 7,700	\$ 10,017

Church of St. Mary – Arlington

Church Office: Terri Olson, Administrative Support
 Parish Office: (507) 964-5413
 Fax/Kitchen/Education Office: (507) 964-5425
 Address: 504 7th Avenue NW, P.O. Box 392, Arlington MN 55307
 E-mail: stmararl@frontiernet.net
 Office Hours: Monday -8:30a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Tuesday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thursday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Friday Closed

Church of St. Michael – Gaylord

Church Office: Terri Olson, Administrative Support
 Parish Office: (507) 237-2851
 Fax: (507) 237-2383
 Address: 411 Court Avenue, P.O. Box 357, Gaylord MN 55334
 E-mail: stmichaelchurchof@yahoo.com
 Office Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am-12pm

Church of St. Brendan – Green Isle

Church Office: Bonnie Weber, Administrative Support
 Parish Office: (507) 964-5111
 Fax: (507) 964-5209
 Emergencies: (507) 964-5413
 Address: 211 McGrann Avenue, P.O. Box 85, Green Isle MN 55338
 E-mail: stbrendan@frontiernet.net
 Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Church of St. Joseph-Henderson

Church Office: Bonnie Weber, Administrative Support
 Address: 213 S. Sixth Street, Henderson, MN 56044
 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 427, Henderson, MN 56044
 Parish Office: (507) 248-3550
 Bonnie's Cell: (763) 772-8386
 E-mail: stjos@frontiernet.net
 Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 a.m.

Church of St. John-Assumption (Faxon Township)

Church Office: Bonnie Weber, Administrative Support
 Address: 26523 200th Street, Belle Plaine, MN 56011

Church of St. Thomas (Oratory) (Jessenland)

Address: 31624 Scenic Byway Road, Henderson, MN 56044

Announcements

The Arlington Ambulance is hosting a Drive by Breakfast: Sunday, August 30th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or until gone. Cost is \$8.00 per plate that includes: Waffles, Scrambled Eggs, Cheesy Potatoes, Orange Juice, Milk. It will be held by the Arlington Community Center, 204 W. Shamrock Dr. Arlington, West Parking Lot.

St. Joseph and St. John Assumption: Are looking for Catechists and substitutes for the upcoming Religious Education year. Contact Carol 612-209-9631 or Teresa 507-479-0219 or Contact the Parish Office at 507-248-3550 or email: stjoes@frontiernet.net Please consider sharing your "Faith" with our Youth!



*Mary, Mother of the Church,
Pray for Us*

Prayer for a new bishop

Almighty God,
Who by the Holy Spirit moves the
hearts of Your people,
Direct the counsels of those who are
appointed to choose a bishop for
the Diocese of New Ulm, that we
may be given a pastor who in
faithfulness and wisdom shall lead
Your people in the way of holiness.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.
Mary, Mother of the Church,
pray for us.

Catholic Parishes of Eastern Sibley County



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time | Sunday, August 23, 2020

Msgr. Eugene L. Lozinski, Parochial Administrator
Office: (507) 964-5413 Rectory: (320) 864-2963

Emergency:
320-510-2063

These past six months have been challenging and intense for all of us during the COVID-19 pandemic. We have had to make many modifications to the ways that we normally go about doing things. While we are confident in the presence and in the grace of God, this has still added uncertainty and stress to our lives.

I have found that carrying out my ministry and administering the parishes during these months has left me feeling exhausted. I was grateful for the two weeks in July that I was away for vacation. I expected that the time away would be helpful and that it would refresh and re-energize me for my ministry. However, I found that when I returned, I felt basically the same as when I left: namely drained and exhausted, and lacking the energy needed for me to properly carry out my ministry at this time.

Because of this I have requested some time away from ministry in order to get some rest and to recuperate. Because it is not clear how much time will be needed for this, it seemed best for me to resign as the pastor of these parishes. This allows me the freedom to take the time that I need to have my health and energy restored and allows for arrangements to be made for the needs of the parishes to continue to be provided for. In God's providence, Msgr. Lozinski was assigned as the senior associate to assist me in these parishes. Msgr. has been a priest for 48 years. He has decades of pastoral and administrative experience. He is more than capable of taking over the priestly ministry and the administration of these parishes. I am grateful that he is willing to do so. I submitted my resignation to the diocesan administrator, Msgr. Douglas Grams, this past week. As of Saturday, August 22, Msgr. Lozinski is now the parochial administrator of the parishes.

I want to emphasize how much I love being a priest. I am grateful to God for the gift of my priesthood. I am taking this time to be healed, renewed, and reenergized in order to continue to serve Christ and the Church as His priest. I have been convinced of my vocation to the priesthood since I made the decision to enter seminary sixteen years ago. That conviction has not wavered.

I am grateful to God for these three years serving the parishes of this area. There have been challenges and many, many blessings. I have benefited and grown much from this time. I am grateful to the staff, to the trustees and council members, to all those in leadership roles, to the volunteers, and to all of you. I am grateful to so many of you for your support and encouragement. I am grateful also for the relationships and for the friendships that have been formed during my time here.

A highlight of this assignment is without a doubt the days on pilgrimage in Italy that I was able to share with a number of you. That was a beautiful and very graced time that we shared shortly before the pandemic became a worldwide crisis. Other highlights include spending time with the youth of the parishes on Wednesday evenings during religious education; organizing and enjoying the first annual (and hopefully not the last!) Octave Feast; celebrating with you the liturgies of the "high seasons," especially Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum; celebrating Confirmation, First Reconciliation, and First Holy Communion, as well as baptisms and weddings; welcoming six of you into full communion with the Catholic Church; greeting and visiting with you after daily and weekend Masses; and getting to know the families of the parishes; among many other things.

God is so good. I am so grateful to Him for how He is providing for me right now. I am confident that He will continue to pour out His blessings upon all of you and that He will see us through this pandemic. Early in the pandemic, I blessed images of the Divine Mercy for you to post on your front doors. This image is on display in a few of our churches. The prayer at the bottom of the image is simple, but profound, powerful, and essential: "Jesus, I trust in You." May we make this our prayer at every moment of every day. Thank you all, and God bless you!

Happy Sunday!
In Christ,
Fr. Aaron Johanneck