

JUNE 8, 2003 Pentecost

There came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house where they were... They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Acts 2: 1-11

Jesus breathed on them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit..."

John 20: 19-23

SAVING PRIVATE LYNCH

His name is Mohammed al-Rehaif. He is a lawyer in the small Iraqi city of Nasiriyah. His wife works as a nurse in the small hospital there. While visiting his wife at work one day, he noticed an unusual number of guards surrounding the emergency ward. He then saw a hulking, black-clad colonel slapping a heavily bandaged woman across the face. A doctor friend showed him the room where the woman was being held. Mohammed later managed to sneak past the guards and give the beaten, starving woman a message: "Don't worry," he whispered.

Mohammed then walked six miles into the desert until he encountered a U.S. Marine patrol. He told the Marines what he had seen. Wary of this stranger and his story, the Americans sent Mohammed back to the hospital twice more for information. Mohammed returned with hand-drawn maps and a count of the Fedayeen guards: 41. The American command then went to work on a battle plan. Three days later, on April 1, just after midnight, an American Special Ops team entered the hospital and within 25 minutes had rescued Private Jessica Lynch.

Why did Mohammed put his life and his family's at risk for the "enemy"?

"My heart cut," Mohammed later said. "A person, no matter what nationality, is a human being. It was very important the I save [her] life."

CONNECTION: *Jessica's grateful parents called Mohammed "an angel sent by God;" but Mohammed said that he was so moved by the young woman's plight that he felt he had to do something. Mohammed's willingness to risk his life for a young woman he never met, a young soldier of the "invading" army, is a triumph of the Spirit of God - the life and love of God that transcends nationalities, boundaries, politics and legalisms, that transforms and renews the earth in compassion, justice and peace. The Spirit of God calls us to recognize and celebrate our connectedness to God and to one another; it gives voice to the things we believe but are too afraid to speak; it gives us the courage and grace to work for the dreams we are sometimes too cynical or fearful to hope for. May the Spirit of God, the creative "breath" of the Holy One, always blow within our hearts to enliven us with God's love, transforming us in eternal hope and illuminating for us the possibilities of bringing the promise of the resurrection into our homes and hearts.*

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

Pentecost Sunday

7:30am Mass

9:30am Mass

11:30am Mass

6:15pm Mass

MONDAY, JUNE 9

Summer Office Hours Begin

8:00am Rosary (Chapel)

8:30am Mass (Chapel)

10:00am Kindermusik Camp (Preschool)

1:00pm Kindermusik Camp (Preschool)

7:00pm Boy Scout Adult Meeting (Room 204)

7:00pm VBS Volunteer Training (St. Joseph's Hall)

7:15pm Earthen Vessels Rehearsal (St. Cecilia)

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

8:00am Rosary

8:30am Mass (Chapel)

9:00am Camp TNT (Youth Room)

10:00am Kindermusik Camp (Preschool)

1:00pm Kindermusik Camp (Preschool)

1:30pm Parish Directory Pictures (LL109)

7:00pm Adoration Meeting (Room 204)

7:00pm Engaged Couples Retreat (Rms. 206 & 208)

7:15pm Jazz rehearsal (St. Cecilia)

7:30pm Open Doors Meeting (Room 210)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

8:30am Rosary

8:30am Eucharistic Service (Chapel)

10:00am Kindermusik Camp (Preschool)

1:00pm Kindermusik Camp (Preschool)

1:30pm Directory Pictures (LL109)

2:00pm Cancer Spirituality Group (Room 204)

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

8:00am Rosary

8:30am Mass

10:00am Kindermusik Camp (Preschool)

1:00pm Kindermusik Camp (Preschool)

1:00pm Afternoon Quilters (LL108)

1:30pm Parish Directory Pictures (LL109)

6:30pm Preschool Board (St. Peter Claver)

7:00pm Faith Formation Committee (Room 204)

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

8:00am Rosary

8:30am Mass

10:00am Kindermusik Camp (Preschool)

1:00pm Kindermusik Camp (Preschool)

1:30pm Directory Pictures (LL109)

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

9:00am Directory Pictures (LL109)

3:30pm Reconciliation

4:30pm Mass

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

7:30am Mass

9:30am Mass

11:30am Mass

6:15pm Mass

Looking Ahead

The deadline for all Bulletin items is noon Monday. The item submitted will be printed in the following Sunday's Bulletin. Please remember space is limited. Thanks-Editor

Before I Forget...

◇ *'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.'*
(Luke 15:12)

Jesus invited *sinners* to share meals with him. Those meals were an experience of respect, acceptance, communion. Jesus called it an experience of *healing*. But *healing*, as we know from our own lives, is a process, it takes time. The community that grew around Jesus was NOT a community of "perfect people", but rather of "people on their way", people who were growing.

Concretely, that meant that the men and women who had met Jesus and shared meals with him had begun the long and difficult journey of their conversion. Instant, total, conversion looks good on paper, but it doesn't correspond to reality.

We are on a spiritual journey, pilgrimage. Just as Jesus invited sinners to share a meal with him, we need to remember that Jesus still invites all types of people to start their journey of healing and to a start learning how to say Abba to God.

The gospels are not just meant to tell us about the Jesus of 2000 years ago. They are the call of the Risen Christ to the church of 2003. In this sense, Jesus' words at the Last Supper, "Do this in memory of me," can be understood as referring, not just to the Eucharist, but also to the whole of Jesus' mission.

"Do this in memory of me": "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them"! So should we! So should we!

As we look at today's world of rapid change, terrorism, fear, war and threats of war, poverty, unemployment, drugs, gangs, violence, refugees, depression, abuse, self-hatred, addictions, loneliness, loss of hope, meaninglessness in the lives of many, *we*, the Church, the followers of Jesus Christ, people of the Good News, have a great gift to share with others. Our way of life, based on the gospels, can give our youth and others a sense of hope in these times we live in.

As we wrap up our centennial year this month, maybe the parish should declare a jubilee year and host a homecoming celebration for all disenfranchised parishioners. In ancient Israel, every seventh, or sabbatical, year all debts had to be cancelled. Every fiftieth, or jubilee, year everything that had been lost was restored to the original owner and everyone was call to return to his own home. You can read about this concept in chapter 25 of Leviticus in the Old Testament.

Jesus welcomed sinners and ate with them. How can we invite our brothers and sisters back to the Lord's Table? Gathering together for Mass, can we be warm and congenial, nonjudgmental and welcoming so that the healing power of Jesus can operate in the lives of our alienated and forlorn sisters and brothers?

To be truly "CATHOLIC", we need to remember that everyone has a place at the Table of the Lord. Is there some one you know who needs an invitation to return? Let's work together and invite our family members, friends and neighbors back to their place at the Lord's Table.

"He welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So should we – so should we.

There is always room at the Table for anyone who feels they are unfit or imperfect. Our Christ is the compassion of God made flesh. The parish is all about the compassion of Christ.

Compassion is what we are all about. Think about it this week.

Fr. Bill

Summer Parish Office Hours

Monday	8-5
Tuesday	8-5
Wednesday	8-6
Thursday	8-8
Friday	8-6
<i>(Administrative Offices close at 1:00 on Fridays)</i>	
Saturday	10-2
Sunday	8-1

Please note:

**All decorations must be removed from
St. John's Cemetery
two weeks
after
Memorial Day.**

Thank You.

From The Associate...

PENTECOST: THE NEW HUMAN RACE

There is a great deal of talk in the news these days about the unity (and disunity) of the world. We are told that the world has become a global village in which everything affects everyone; we hope for the easing of tensions between countries and between cultural sectors of the world; we are given an analysis of the emerging world culture; we hear a lot about the United Nations and other international bodies; we speak of the need for a multicultural outlook.

All of this gives evidence of a deep and enduring desire of the human race: the desire to be united, to be part of the same thing, to make up one "human family" as the phrase is often used. This is because we are *meant* to be united, we were created by God to live in love and in peace. So what happened?

The Book of Genesis tells the story: our first parents took their gaze off of God, and turned from the way of obedience and joy. The result was murder. Cain killed his brother Abel. Rupture in relationship with God destroys relationship with one another. Then comes the story of the Tower of Babel. The human race, descendants of Adam and Eve, wanted to "build a tower to heaven," a poetic way of saying that they wanted to construct a world without God, in which they, in their pride, would be sufficient to save themselves and to create a perfect world. The result of this futile attempt was the confusion of languages, and Babel became babble. The world lost the unity that was intended for it. Wanting to be God, wanting to create perfection without the Perfect One, we have gained for ourselves only violence and disunion.

Then comes Pentecost, the sending of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. A sound like the rush of a mighty wind. Tongues of fire. "Staying in Jerusalem at the time were devout Jews of every nation under heaven. . . . They were much confused because each one heard these men speaking his own language." Why of all possible miracles is the coming of the Spirit accompanied by this particular miracle of a common language? Because it is a sign, a sign that the curse of Babel has now been undone. The Holy Spirit, whose presence alone can bring unity to the world, has begun the new human race. From that small band of disciples, the new humanity has radiated outward, drawing people from every nation and culture into the creative current of the Holy Spirit's divine life. This is what we mean by the Church: the new humanity inhabited by the Holy Spirit, united across every cultural and national boundary, learning to speak the same language of love in obedience to God.

These two forces, Babel and the Church, are still at work in the world. Both seek world unity: the first attempts to build that unity on pride and human self-sufficiency; the second knows that only the Holy Spirit can bring such unity about, and seeks to work with the Spirit to unite the human race in its source and center: God himself revealed in Jesus Christ.

May we, like those first disciples, become drunk with the Holy Spirit, be filled with his divine life, and find in him the unity with one another we so desire. "Come Holy Spirit, renew the hearts of the faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of your love."

School News...

Congratulations to the students at St. John's. You have been put to the test and excelled. The Metropolitan Achievement Test results for 2003 confirm that our St. John's students continue to maintain high-level achievement. Results of the testing show that St. John's students scored higher than the national average in every subject tested. We are proud of the results of our school and you should be proud of the students and teachers at St. John's.

"A" Honor Roll

Sarah Becker	Elise Cleereman	Lindsey Packer
Michelle Boris	Brian Dillon	Shannan Peifer
Victor Jaker	Matthew Evertz	Alyssa Petrangelo
Katrina Krogh	Rachel Gemlo	Michael Plath
Peter Labuza	Ross Geil	Natalie Pomeroy
Cody Lensing	Lisa Guzik	Ryan Rehkamp
Tony McDonald	Michelle Horn	Charlie Sawyer
Abby McKeown	Annaliese Howard	Andrew Schneider
Jessica Meyers	Brittane Hughes	Daniel Spiess
Molly Robertson	Ben Kerzman	Jill Spitzmueller
Sara (Rose) Tusa	Jacob King	Colleen Stampfle
Sara Wilde	Colleen Kirk	Shannon Sully

Lindsey Lee	Ted Tousignant
Jacob Malenick	Alli Werr

"B" Honor Roll

Kathryn Bialek	Chris Meehan	Jenny Wind
David Boyce	Jonny Murlowski	Maria Zaloker
	Mariea Murlowski	Lauren Zeien

Blood Drive

St. John's will be hosting a Blood Drive on Tuesday, August 12. Sign ups will be after all Masses on August 2nd and 3rd. Mark your Calendars!

Remember, "Together we can save a life."

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Thank you for your generous response to our "Closing the Gap" Special collections to help with our projected deficit for the current fiscal year. To date you have contributed \$60,152 towards this effort to help balance our budget. As we get closer to June 30th, the end of the fiscal year, the Finance Committee is monitoring both the revenue and expenses. It is still too early to determine if we will end the year with a balanced budget, but if we don't incur any large unexpected expenses and if revenue comes in for June as projected, we will be very close to ending the year with a balanced budget. Again, if this happens, it will be because of your generosity. As we get ready to close the books on the current year and move forward to the new fiscal year, your continued support is needed and appreciated.

Liturgy News...

LAY MINISTRY CHANGE ORDERS FOR JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER: If you need to make a change for the next three months, please fill out a form located in the black 3-ring binder on the table outside the upper sacristy. Changes need to be left in the book. If you have already submitted dates for this time period, you will need to re-submit them. Thank you.

DONATION The chalice used at the weekend Masses is a very generous gift of a parishioner who wishes to remain anonymous. The St. Remy chalice is a match to the beautiful monstrance located in the Cenacle Chapel. Both pieces are replicas of the twelfth century originals housed in the Cathedral of Rheims, France.

Silvertones...

DOUBLE DIPPER June 9th- meet at St. John's by 7:45 am. Call Ginny (763) 784-5254 for more information.

MEETING Our Silvertones meeting is scheduled for 1:00 on June 18th. We will meet after lunch at the New Brighton Service Center. Please make your reservation at (651) 639-2145 before the 17th.

ARBORETUM AND CRUISE-August 14th

Take a trip to the **Minnesota Landscape Arboretum** located in Chanhassen. The 900 acres of rolling hills, native woods, gardens and a collection of plants developed for northern climates will delight you. From the comfort of a motorcoach, an Arboretum guide explains the state's largest public garden. Enjoy **lunch** as we glide over the waters of Lake Minnetonka on a Paradise Boat Cruise. Wide open sun decks or complete comfort with enclosures will allow you to be comfortable no matter what the weather is like. This shoreline **2-hour boat cruise** takes you through bays and inlets and shows off some of the lake's most magnificent homes and historic estates.

Deadline: July 24th

Cost: \$45 for Silvertone members, \$50 for non-members. Cost includes: Motorcoach transportation, lunch, train, and museum admission.

Respect Life...

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thanks to the generous people who supported the Mother's Day Corsage Sale and our Respect Life Weekend in January. All money will be donated to area pro-life organizations.

WALK FOR LIFE Sponsored by Total Life Care Centers of the Twin Cities. Lake Phalen, Sunday June 8, 12-4 For more information, (612) 522-6589.

Birthright

Caring help for pregnant women.

651-646-7033 – St. Paul

763-757-0715 – Coon Rapids

Adoration...

Are you in need of some quiet time in your busy life? At adoration, you will find a quiet and a peace that is unparalleled; a joy, just being in the presence of Jesus. Please consider signing up for a specific hour each week.

Adorers are needed for the following hours:

3AM – 4AM Friday

2PM – 3PM Monday

2PM – 3PM Friday

Call Dorothy at (651) 636-1660 or Jerry at (651) 636-2054 to schedule your own hour of adoration.

ADORATION COMMITTEE MEETING June 10th at 7 PM in the St. Clare meeting room. Hourly coordinators are encouraged to attend. Other interested persons are welcome.

Parish Cemetery Committee...

MEETING There will be a meeting of the Parish Cemetery Committee on Wednesday, June 11 at 6:30 pm in the St. Clare Conference Room (Room 204) in the

Youth Newz...

PARENTS OF JR. HIGH STUDENTS REGISTERED FOR CAMP TNT should have received camp schedules in the mail. Please check the schedules to be sure that your student will be able to attend their scheduled sessions. Service site coordinators need the information to schedule service sites appropriately. Call Rick Craig (763-754-7666) if your plans have changed.

TNT CAMPERS: Camp TNT begins Tuesday, June 10. All registered participants should plan to be at St. John's by 9:00 am. Please dress appropriately for your work project. Wear closed toe shoes (do not wear sandals). Be sure to bring a bag lunch. Pop and a "treat" will be provided. Call Rick Craig if you have any questions 763-754-7666.

May 24, 2003

Dear Fr. Murtaugh and the Parishioners of St. John's,

I just wanted to send a note to thank you for the generous support you have given to our Archdiocesan Mission Parish in Venezuela. I am very grateful for the opportunity you gave me to come and speak at your church about our missionary efforts there, and the people of the Parish of Jesuchristo Resucitado (Risen Christ) where we serve are equally grateful, if not more so, for all of your prayers and donations. Living in an area plagued with poverty, crime, and violence, your support will do much to help us continue to advance the gospel message of God's saving love and grace among the people in our community.

May God continue to pour out abundant blessings upon all of you! You will be remembered in our prayers.

Your friends in Christ,

Fr. Tim Norris and
The People of Jesucristo Resucitado

Pastoral Ministry

Nursing Home Ministry Schedule

Tuesday, June 10th

Word/ Comm 11:45 am	Presbyterian Homes
Mass 2:15 pm	New Brighton Care

Thursday, June 12th

Word/ Comm 10:15 am	Innsbruck
Word/ Comm 7:00 pm	St. Anthony
Word/ Comm 7:15 pm	Trevilla

OPEN DOORS PICNIC - Instead of our usual monthly meeting. Tuesday, June 10th 6:30-9:00 pm at Long Lake Regional Park. Bring a dish to share and your own beverage- Meet at the pavilion, Park entrance right off of Highway 96.

Bulletin Board

PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELING is again available to all St. John's parishioners, on a no fee basis. Tuesday hours are between 10 and 3. Call Teri at (651) 633-8333.

RURAL LIFE SUNDAY CELEBRATION JUNE 22ND

Mark your calendars for this year's Archdiocesan Rural Life Sunday Celebration, June 22, 2003. It begins at 1:30 pm and includes the Eucharistic Liturgy of the Sunday with Bishop Pates presiding, a blessing of crops and land, and essay and poster contest awards. This year's family fun event is co-sponsored by the parishes of Holy Trinity in Waterville and St. Andrew in Elysian and is being held at the Francis and Mary Lee Androli family farm. There will be picnic style food available, music, entertainment, crafts and games and activities for children. Please bring blankets and lawn chairs. All are welcome! Call the Rural Life Office for more information (507) 364-7323.

Weekly Collection

	Actual	Goal	Capital Campaign II
May 25, 2003	\$15,942	\$18,358	\$5,393
Since July 1, 2002	\$1,366,970	\$1,387,874	\$459,251
June 1, 2003	\$31,654	\$31,398	\$11,593
Since July 1, 2002	\$1,398,624	\$1,419,272	\$470,844
Children's			
May 25- \$11.00		June 1- \$16.00	
Closing the Gap			
May 25- \$4,425	June 1- \$5,800		Total \$60,152

Thank you for your generous support!



OPEN DOORS - A social group for divorced, widowed, and single men and women -- meets the second Tuesday of each month. Come to the meetings or just the events. The door is open -- you're always welcome!!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 10 - Potluck Picnic/Monthly Meeting - 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Long Lake Regional Park. Meet at the pavilion (Hwy 96 entrance). Bring a dish to share and your own beverage. Call Anne Marie with questions at 651-633-8333.

June 11, 18, 25 - Walking and Jogging Groups will meet every Wednesday from 6:00-7:00 p.m. (weather permitting). Meet at the boat launch area at Long Lake Regional Park. Call Barb at 763-784-6399 with any questions.

June 15 - Extended RSVP for Saints game on August 9 at 7:05 p.m. Payment for ticket (\$4.00) needed in advance. RSVP to Kathy at 763-712-0659 no later than 6/15.

June 21 - Lawn Bowling at Brits Pub, in downtown Minneapolis. Game begins at 4:00 p.m. Approximate cost per person: \$5.00 plus food and beverage. Will be cancelled if raining. RSVP to Mary Kay at 612-782-3872 by June 19.

June 22 - Pool Party and BBQ -- 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. Bring a dish to share, your own beverage, your swimsuit, and a game if you wish, to John Crudo's place at 1784 Sioux Blvd., New Brighton. RSVP by June 19 to John at 651-636-8197.

June 25 - RSVP for Twins game on July 18 at 7:05 p.m. RSVP and advance payment (\$14) due by 6/25 to Paul at 763-717-6991.

If you, or someone you know, would like to be added to our mailing list, or if you would like to receive an invitation to visit our new web site, please call Jan at 651-780-2142.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those in our community who are ill:

Beau Anderson, John Battmer, Donald Beaubien, Marcelline Beseler, Marcella Boomer, Karen Bona, Shawn Brewer, Esther Cadwallader, Wayne Carlson, Ann Czech, Louis Czech, Lenore Dougherty, Joe Fellner, Linda Franklin, Bernice Hopkins, Anna Horbatuck, Kevin Keenan, Br. Joseph Katzmarek, Michael Kavanagh, Esther Knapp, Mary Krenik, Linda Leier, Herb Loscheider, Nancy Mehrer, Rupert Meyer, Irene Mitchell, Lance and Ann Moe, Corliss Moore, Donna Murphy, Ray Nelson, Ann Nowak, Cynthia Schwall, Frances Sventek, Ted Spiess, Ed Stich, Richard St. Germain, Sr., Bob Sorem, Fr. Greg Tolaas, Raymond Tucker, Frances Vonacek, Donna Waldoch, Mildred Werner, Linda Zappa, Teddy Perry

Those who have recently passed away:

Hal Haskins

PRAYER LINE

Call one of these numbers with your prayer requests.

All requests are confidential.

651-633-1618

763-784-5254

651-636-5251