



September 2021

pew news



HAPPY

LAB★R DAY

Happy Birthday

- 9/2 Vern Kitzberger
- 9/3 Allen Gulden
- 9/5 Mike Breu
- 9/7 Donna Helget, Ann Miller, Mary Grathwohl
- 9/8 Kim Mack
- 9/9 Martin Griebel
- 9/10 John Rieser
- 9/11 Marge Hoffman, Gavin Braulick
- 9/12 Al Schumacher
- 9/15 Jan Griebel, Molly Mack, Jerry Grathwohl
- 9/16 Adam Suess, Dustin Scheibel, Dawn Kuck, Todd Wenisch, Travis Wenisch
- 9/18 Henryk Wilfahrt, Troy Wersal
- 9/19 Matthew Miller, Emma Miller
- 9/20 Dennis Braulick, Mike Griebel
- 9/22 Beverly Berg
- 9/24 Avarie Leshovsky,
- 9/27 Cathy Hoffman
- 9/28 Bev Hoffman, LaVonne Helget
- 9/29 Jenna Carlson
- 9/30 Jake Stadick, Avery Ranweiler



Happy Anniversary

- Roger & Irene Abels – September 1 – 48years
- Glen & Christine Gulden – September 2 – 15years
- Tom & Shirley Kuck – September 6 – 56years
- John & Jamie Rieser – September 8 – 20years
- Roger & Anita Mohr – September 9 – 54years
- Mike & Tammy Stadick – September 9 – 32years
- Mike & Elaine Breu – September 11 – 50years
- Dustin & Brenda Hawkins – September 14 – 30years
- Paul & Marge Hoffman – September 16 – 60years
- Art & Annie Helget – September 21 – 56years
- Kenny & Annie Fischer – September 22 – 57years
- Pat & Julie Hillesheim – September 22 – 42years
- Wayne & Jodie Braulick – September 23 – 15years
- Al & Cathy Hoffman – September 23 – 32years
- Mathew & Jessie Sobania – September 24 – 10years
- Donald & Diana Schaefer – September 25 – 39years



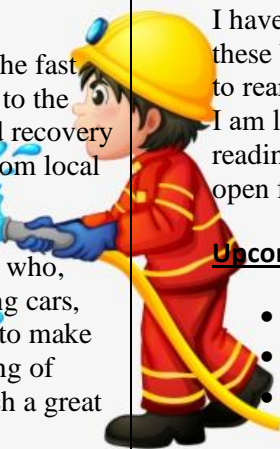
St. John Memorials received:
In Memory of Joyce Drexler
 Ione Grossmann
In Memory of Shirley Kamm
 Donald & Diana Lee Schaefer

We are All Prayer Warriors! Grab a September Prayer intention and make it a point to start each day with prayer as you walk with Christ and experience the **POWER of PRAYER!**
 *anyone with a prayer intention, please call Ione 359-4427



Thank you

A "burning" Thank you to Craig Braulick and the fast acting food stand crew for their quick response to the grease fire on picnic Sunday. The clean-up and recovery time was phenomenal in itself. The outreach from local Searles households for multiple "griddles" to continue to fry hamburgers was praiseworthy! A special THANKS goes out to Martin Griebel who, as a trained Fireman and was on premise parking cars, took the time to come and inspect the situation to make sure it was safe to proceed. It gives one a feeling of peace to realize how blessed we are to have such a great community family. ~Al Drexler



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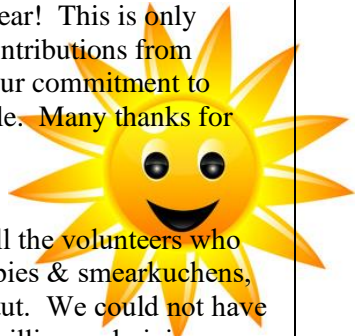
We love our VOLUNTEERS!

On behalf of the Church Picnic committee we would like to thank each and everyone of you for the awesome job that was done. From the country store bakes, Friday night's chicken cutting crew, Saturday meal prep and set up crew, to those who donated in any way, to all who came on Sunday to help out we could not have put on such a great festival picnic without you!! We are so thankful for the parish members, the hard-working school aged kids and if you know of a non-parish member who came to help-make sure to thank them as well. Once again, we could not have had such a successful day if we didn't have the help from ALL of you.

We are very proud of our St John's parish family!
 ~Brad & Amy Scheibel, Will & Tina Hornick, Lester Braulick, George Molden, Dustin & Brenda Hawkins

The Big Ticket Committee would like to express a sincere thank you to all who donated to the all CASH Big Ticket this year and are grateful to all who sold raffle tickets and all who supported St. John's Parish by buying a raffle ticket. We heard many positive comments about it being an "all CASH Big Ticket" this year so we will do it again next year! This is only possible because of thoughtful contributions from parishioners/donors like you. Your commitment to St. John's Church is commendable. Many thanks for your continuous support.

~John & Jamie and Al & Kathy



Country Store... Thank you to all the volunteers who came to help make the delicious pies & smarkuchens, german potato salad and sauerkraut. We could not have done it without the help of such willing and giving parishioners here at St. John's Parish. Thank you to everyone who donated items to the Country Store and to those who helped in the store the day before the picnic and the day of. We look forward to working with you again next year. ~ Kayla Berg & Julie Hillesheim

The Curiosity Shop would like to thank everyone for their wonderful donations to our booth at the church picnic. We would not be successful without your support!

~Doreen Schmitt, Sue Wersal, LaNette Leikam, Brooklyn Wersal, and Laura Schmitt

Thank you to all who generously donated to the **Small Raffle and the Silent Auction**. Thanks to all who helped with our booth. ~Deanna Zea

September Library News -- You will notice that our library has added two more shelves thanks to a donation from Carol Schmidt and Julie Wendinger. They will be used for the addition of more books, as it was getting a bit crowded. I have been "book hunting" and have put new novels in these back shelves for you to select from. Soon I hope to rearrange the library to make it more "user friendly". I am looking to add "Large Print" books for easier reading for some who struggle with small print. Always open for suggestions as well. ~Ione



Upcoming Area Events-watch the bulletin for details

- Sept 12~St. George Harvest Festival, St. George
- Sept 13~St. John's CUF Meeting 7pm
- Sept 26~St. Mary's Fall Festival, New Ulm.



CCW Corner ...

CCW Meeting-Thursday, Sept. 2 at 6pm

NEW St. John's CCW Shepherd of the Field

Fr. Steven Verhelst

Jesus Our Living Water AFC

713 12th St SW

Willmar, MN 56201-3082

Ordination: July 16, 1190 Birthdate: Jan 2

Be sure to remember our Shepherd of the Field daily in prayer. *Thinking of sending a card...

Heartfelt words are always best!



Deanery 1 CCW Fall Gathering

"On Fire with the Holy Spirit"



Tuesday, September 21, 2021

St. Catherine's Catholic Church

900 E. Flynn St. Redwood Falls

Registration: 4:45 p.m. \$10.00

Mass 5:15 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Speaker 6:45 p.m.

Kristin Molitor currently serves as the New Evangelization Coordinator for Catholic Communities of Bowles, Holdingford & St. Anna.

She graduated from Franciscan University of Steubenville where she received a degree in Communications Art with concentration on journalism.

She later received a Master's certificate in Spiritual Theology from Avila Institute for Spiritual Formation. Kristin's desire is to see every person

on fire with the Holy Spirit.



→ Please contact CCW President, Kathy Drexler, before September 15th to register. Registration is \$10-reimbursed by CCW. If you have never attended a Fall Gathering, please consider making this your first of many.

Christian Mothers... Tuesday, September 7-Christian Mothers' Meeting at 6:00 P.M. in Leifeld Hall. A guest speaker will give a presentation on her unique collection. Also a friendly reminder that **Christian Mother's Annual Dues...** are \$2.00 for all Christian Mother members. Membership fees can be paid at the meeting, dropped off at the Cathedral Parish Office, or you may contact Lois Sviente at 354-5883.

Fr. Arnold Berg...

7th pastor St. John's Church serving June 1947-June 1960

At the time he assumed charge in June of 1947 of the parish and school here at St. John's, there were 120 families-as it was said to be a rural parish where families loved their church, school and pastor. One of the first programs of the new pastor was to complete a project started by Father Neudecker which was the

installation of stained glass windows in the church. These beautiful works of art were installed in October 1947 which were a source of beauty and inspiration to all who entered there.

In 1951, it was decided that a new and larger convent was needed to fill the needs of the Sisters who were teaching in the school. The new convent was a 2-story brick and cinderblock building with a full basement which cost \$24,943. On Aug 27, 1951, an open house was held and the Sisters moved in that same day into their new home.



Father Arnold J. Berg, Pastor

Under Fr. Berg's direction the church was decorated, a marble altar installed, new light fixtures placed, the church kitchen renovated and toilet facilities provided in the church basement. Along with Fr. Berg's janitor, on hands and knees, they installed floor tile in the church, classrooms, kitchen and auditorium. Tile ceilings, light fixtures and wardrobes, and new windows were installed in all four classrooms. He was also inspirational in the installation of a new heat system in the church, school and rectory as well as enlarging the coal bin capacity, and built a new entrance to the furnace room. They were busy years but it was noted that he loved them all.

During his pastorate, the Sodality movement was very strong here and young people entertained themselves and others by putting on many, many fine plays.

In early December 1957, unexpected news came over the radio that the Holy Father had established a new diocese in the State of Minnesota. Fifteen counties in central and western Minnesota, all part of the St. Paul Archdiocese, comprised the new diocese, with New Ulm named as the Cathedral City. Msgr. Schladweiler, pastor of St. Agnes Church in St. Paul, and former pastor of Holy Rosary in North Mankato, was named the first Bishop of the new diocese. One of the first official acts of the new bishop was to appoint Father Arnold Berg as the chancellor of the diocese. In addition to being pastor of Searles, Father Berg was now taking upon himself what would prove to be another full-time job. Father spent most of his time after that appointment commuting between Searles and New Ulm, helping to organize the new diocese and the complicated business of the chancery office and the more than 80 parishes in its boarder. In June, 1960, when the new chancery office building and residence was completed, Father Berg was relieved of his duties of St. John's Church and was assigned full-time to the chancery office in New Ulm. On Sept. 1, 1963, His Holiness, Pope John XXIII conferred upon him the title of Right Reverend Monsignor. Monsignor was appointed Vicar General on Feb 20, 1964, a title he was to retain until June 30, 1978. At the close of 20 years of work for the Diocese-he wore many hats. A priest of the Diocese remarked at one of the many meetings-after the Bishop retired Msgr. Berg, he had to hire 11 people to replace him. After Msgr's retirement, he lived for 11 months in the Catholic Rectory in Lafayette. Shortly into the New Year of 1979, Msgr was told by a compassionate member of the Personnel Board that in May of that year he would be notified by the Bishop to vacate the rectory. He had two weeks to find a new home for himself and his faithful housekeeper. By the end of May, he was able to move into his new home in Springfield. There he spent his retirement years taking care of his "ranch" as he called it, in peace and quiet, caring for his lawn, flower gardens, doing much reading along with his domestic tasks. Msgr enjoyed traveling, especially to Guatemala.

To add...When St. John's celebrated its Golden Jubilee, he supervised the 50th Anniversary celebration and wrote a detailed history of the parish stating as part of his priestly duties, he visited the parishioners in their homes every year except during the last two years when he was already in the diocesan chancery. #blessed

Rt. Rev. Msgr Arnold Joseph Berg died at the age of 94 on June 28, 2003.

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