



# Family Mass Newsletter



## WHAT A WONDERFUL YEAR!

There are so many people to thank for this marvelous year together. Here are just a few:

- those who volunteered for Family Mass ministries as musicians, readers, sacristans, projectionists, petitioners, welcomers, host families, and Eucharist ministers
- those who brought food each week for Sabathani food shelf and packed food for kids in need at Feed My Starving Children
- those who signed our banner to the Bishop and wrote letters and postcards to our legislators
- those who prepared and served food to our guests at Calvary Church and brought shoes for their foot care ministry
- those who gave school supplies for Guatemalan families and clothing for kids in Togo, holiday gifts for neighbors, and coins for animals to help farmers be self-sustaining
- those who packed food, decorated Easter Eggs, and donated warm socks to go out on the Mobile Loaves Twin Cities truck
- those who did an evening of service projects for local non-profits
- those who enriched our liturgies through music and song, acting, reading, puppeteering, sewing, and teaching

WE ARE GOD'S CHURCH!



### PENTECOST FLASH MOB

If you speak or read a foreign language, join us on June 9<sup>th</sup> as we proclaim the gospel in many tongues. FFI, ask Gabrielle.



### ANIMALS FOR FARMERS



This year your weekly envelopes bought two water buffalo to make farming families around the world self-sustaining.

Water buffalo are gentle giants that allow farmers to plant four times as many crops as they could by hand. A water buffalo also provides rich milk that is high in protein and nutrients, which can improve a family's health, and any excess can be sold. Thank you!



### PARISH PICNIC

On Fri, June 14<sup>th</sup>, join us for our SJA parish celebration with games, food, and prizes. Please come!

### CONGRATULATIONS FIRST COMMUNICANTS



Congratulations to all those who received your First Communion over the last two weeks. We welcome you to the table!



### CAMP ST JOAN

Visit Germany this year from July 15-18<sup>th</sup>. Register by June 1<sup>st</sup> for the early-bird fee—\$75/person or \$135/family. Questions? Contact Brooke at [bbarnard@stjoan.com](mailto:bbarnard@stjoan.com)



### FAMILY MASS SIGNUPS

Would you take on a role in Family Mass next fall? Sign up today! **It's very helpful to have those first few weeks filled.** We need youth musicians, readers, sacristans, and projectionists, and host families and Eucharist ministers. Join us!

## TODAY IS OUR LAST FAMILY MASS FOR THE SUMMER



We look back at our year of Family Masses with gratitude toward those people of faith who came to invite us to open our hearts to God. Thanks to our readers Sarah Goldammer and Derik Newman, and our musicians Jordan Hedlund and Rachael Kroog.

We bless all families as we move toward the summer. Thank you for sharing your light with us!



## CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY

On May 12<sup>th</sup> at 9 & 11am, we celebrate our Faith Formation year at the Gym Masses. Children & Youth Sunday and Mother's Day will include solos by the Children's Choir, music by the Club Band, readings & petitions by youth, sharings by Daniluz & Patricia Cespedes-Schueller, and some love for our moms. Don't miss it!



*God of all families,  
as we end our faith year together,  
wrap us in your light.  
May we continue  
to grow in your Spirit,  
develop our taste for justice,  
and open our hearts to your voice  
every day of our lives.*

*Amen*



**Have a glorious summer!**

**See you back at Family Mass on Sept 15<sup>th</sup>**

**And save the date...**

On Sept 8<sup>th</sup>, come to a Welcome Back brunch between the Gym Masses. Get it on the calendar!

*We Welcome You Wherever You Are On Your Journey*



# Family Mass Good News



A third time Jesus asked Peter,  
 "Peter, do you love me?"  
 Peter said, "Lord, you know that I love you."  
 Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."  
 Then Jesus said to Peter, "Follow me."  
 - John 21: 17-19



## THE WORD

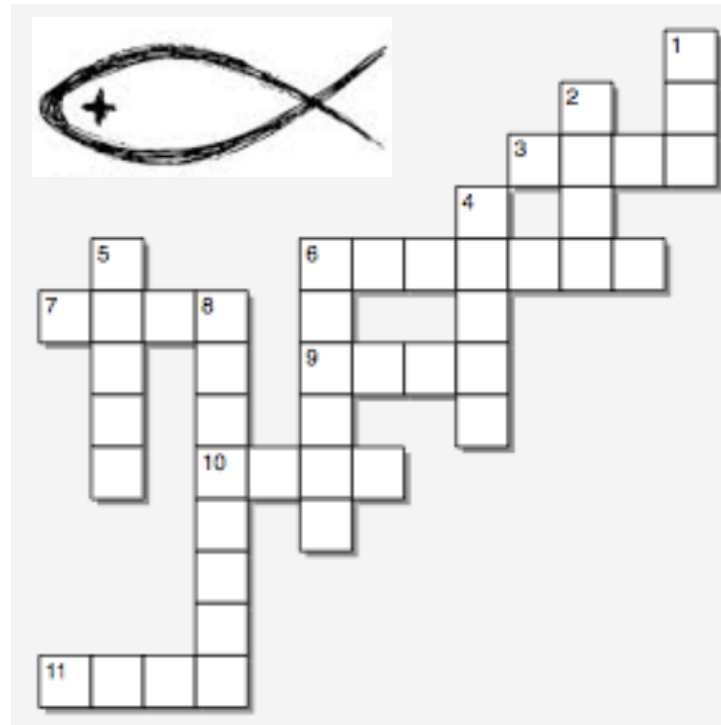
Jesus is risen! And it's dangerous for those left behind. Our first reading (Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41) shows the disciples brought before the high priests because they continue to teach about Jesus. Caught between obeying earthly leaders or God, Peter tells the priests that their loyalty must always be to God first.

In our Gospel (John 21: 3-19), Jesus appears to his disciples on the beach where they are fishing. At first they don't recognize him, until their nets are full to overflowing. Then they return to the beach where Jesus has prepared a meal for them. He asks them to add some of their freshly caught fish to the breakfast. The disciples and Jesus once again eat a simple meal together.

When Jesus was going to his death, Peter denied him three times. Now after this morning meal, Jesus asks Peter three times if he loves him and three times to "Feed my sheep." If we love Jesus we will stay true, following him by caring for his flock—the whole human family.

## PUZZLER

CONFUSED? READ TODAY'S GOSPEL.



### ACROSS

3. Used to ride in water
6. Trying to catch fish
7. Jesus said, "\_\_\_ my sheep."
9. "Peter, do you \_\_\_ me?"
10. Prepare a meal
11. Element used to cook outdoors

### DOWN

1. Used to cast for fish
2. Wrote today's Gospel
4. Jesus asked Peter the same question \_\_\_ times.
5. Was on the beach at sunrise
6. Jesus said, "\_\_\_ me."
8. Follower of Jesus

## OUR FAITH-FILLED YEAR

We began our year of Family Mass with the question, "How can we open our hearts to God?" Through the year we hosted saints and people who stepped out of the pages of the Gospel. We enjoyed spiritual myths, plays, and stories from different traditions and cultures. We thought about justice issues and remembered those in need in our community and around the world. We celebrated our beautiful planet. All of this was inspired by our questions and the teachings of Jesus. Each week, we opened our hearts to God. We continue to grow in spirit and community. Here's to a great summer!