

Please keep this intention in your prayers this week: that our witness to the sanctity of all human life on May 10th will bear fruit in the conversion of hearts that have been hardened.

RECONCILIATION—HOLY EUCHARIST—CONFIRMATION

Registration forms for Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation will soon be available from Fr. Michael for those who wish to begin their formation for these Sacraments. Of special note for families with children who wish to begin receiving Holy Eucharist: Our Bishop has decided that the preparation for Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist is to begin one year earlier than has been the practice in our Diocese. That means, effective immediately, children may begin their preparation as early as the year in which they turn 7 years of age. As before, that is set as a general guideline, and there is no "maximum" age for anyone to begin to approach the Table of the Lord. For now, please make note of the change. It will be reflected in the new registration forms that are soon to be available.

Lobster & Beef supper at St. Jacques Parish in Hanmer on Friday, May 11th at 5:30. \$60/person or \$440/table of eight. For tickets, call 969-3173.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: On Wednesday and Thursday this week.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

During the month of May, Sudbury Catholic Schools are celebrating the value of EMPATHY. We will teach the students the importance of this value by emphasizing the value of being compassionate, faithful people. The link of Empathy to our Catholic Graduate Expectations is strong and powerful. Empathy makes one a more caring family member, helps to develop responsibility in our students and assists us all in listening kindly to others. Please help us by praying for the staff and students as we explore this important value.

<u>Calling all Artists</u>: The artists of our Parish are invited, along with parishioners from St. Andrew's and Holy Redeemer, to join the students from Barrydowne College to a day of artistry on Saturday, May 12th. This event takes place in the Hall of St. Andrews. Set up your station at 9am, begin creating at 10am. At 3pm, Gerry Lougheed will auction off the top 20 works of art. Everyone is invited to participate in the auction. Proceeds will be donated to support the students of Barrydowne College.



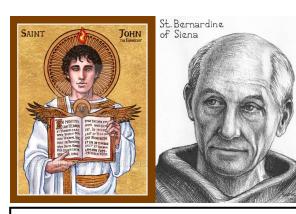
PARISH BREAKFAST

Join us in our Annual Spring Parish Breakfast on Sunday, May 6th, following our morning Mass. THIS WEEKEND. Cost is \$6.00/person. Come, bring a friend, and enjoy this delicious feast hosted by our social committee.

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Tuesday—Thursday, 10:00 am. to Noon.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 6, 2018

As the *Father* has loved me, so have I loved you. Now *remain in my love.* John 15:9

WEEKDAY MASSES: See inside for this week's schedule

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday	4:30 pm.	St. John the Evangelist
Sunday	9:00 am.	St. Bernardine of Siena
Sunday	10:30 am.	St. John the Evangelist

CALL THE PARISH OFFICE REGARDING:

•Home Visit & Communion or Anointing of the Sick •Individual Celebration of Reconciliation

FOR BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE:

Please speak with Fr. Michael at any weekend Mass (6 months minimum notice is needed for Marriage)

		ass Schedule 7 — May 13, 2018	
St. John the Evangelist			
Date	Time	Mass Intention	
Monday, May 7	No Parish Mass		
Tuesday, May 8	9:30 a.m.	For the intentions of all Parishioners—The students and staff from St. John's School will join us today as they celebrate Education Week.	
Wednesday, May 9	9:30 a.m.	For Frances Hayes by Marie Bardswich	
Thursday, May 10	No Parish Mass		
Friday, May 11	No Parish Mass		
Saturday, May 12	4:30 p.m.	For Edward Ryan by Ann & Myron McCormick	
ASCENSION SUNDAY Sunday, May 13	10:30 a.m.	For Melina Fraser by Stella Astgen	
	St. Be	rnardine of Siena	
Sunday, May 13	9:00 a.m.	For the intentions of all Parishioners	

The Catholic Women's League

Join the ladies every Wednesday following the morning Mass, when they gather in the hall to craft their handiworks for the Fall Tea.



CWL Council is celebrating their 80th Anniversary with a Cruise on Lake Ramsey on June 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Members can purchase tickets from the Executive. Cost is \$20.00. Only 50 tickets available.

Save the Date: Monday, May 7th at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. We are hosting our 2nd Annual Birthright Charity Fundraiser (Special Bingo). You can play bingo all evening for \$20.00, with fun prizes to be won. Bring a friend .. come out and join us in supporting this worthy cause.



The Knights of Columbus The K. of C. Council #6074 will be distributing their annual "Roses for Life" icons following each Mass on the weekend of May 12/13. Any donations received will be greatly appreciated. All proceeds will be used to support Sudbury Right to Life. Thank you for your ongoing support.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

The minutes of our PPC meetings are now being published on our Parish Website.

As announced last week, and in accordance with the new norms for Parish Pastoral Councils in our Diocese, we will be increasing the size of our PPC to 10 members. Two of those members are ad hoc positions (the Pastor and the representative from Finance) and two will be invited to represent St. Bernardine of Sienna Parish. The other 6 members will be from St. John's Parish, and should reflect a cross section of our parish demographic. The current members of the PPC have all been invited to continue as members; at this time, we don't know how many will continue. However, at a minimum, we will be looking for one new member from St. John's, and two new members from St. Bernardine's. As per Diocesan policy, members must be:

a) baptized according to the rites of the Catholic Church, or received into it;

- b) members of the parish;
- c) in good standing with the community;
- d) people of moral integrity and prudence;

e) faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church.



If you are interested in serving the parish in this capacity, after prayerfully considering it, please

submit your name and contact information to Fr. Michael. If there are more parishioners interested than we have positions available, elections will be held in the fall.

Although this parish is still in the process of writing our own statutes, according to the norms newly established by the Diocese, you can gain a pretty good understanding of what the new role of the PPC will be by reading the Diocesan Norms. They can be found here: www.dioceseofsaultstemarie.org/guidelines

<u>Re: Living With Christ Missals</u>... the parish will not be renewing our subscription to these home prayer/study aids. If you wish to continue subscribing yourself, please take note of the ordering information that is in your current copy in order to self subscribe.

