

Shade Fundraiser Challenge!

We want to keep the sun out of Fr. Gene's eyes....so a challenge from one of our parishioners is....they'll purchase one shade, if you'll donate to help purchase another!

Bible Critters - Vacation Bible School

July 30 - August 3, 2018 - 9am - 12pm

Faith Lutheran Church - 305 First Ave- Balsam Lake

Free to All Kids (ages 4 through children 6th gr)

Vacation Bible School is jointly sponsored by Catholic, Lutheran and Methodist churches, along with other Christian volunteers in the Balsam Lake and Centuria area.

Welcome

This form gives you an easy means to let the office know that you would like to become a member of our parish family. Send it by mail, drop it off at the parish office, or put it in the collection basket.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Our Lady of the Lakes - PO Box 399 - Balsam Lake, WI 54810

Escape Room - Free event at the Balsam Lake Library. July 27th at 4pm and July 29th at 11am. For adults and teens (12+). More information call 715-485-3215.

Sunday, August 12, 2018
Annual Parish Festival
11:00am - 2:00pm

Joint Finance and Pastoral Council Meeting on Wednesday, July 25th at 8:00am

Basket Raffle

**Dine In
or
Carry Out Available**

Festival Dinner Menu

Chicken or BBQ Ribs
Potatoes, Corn on the Cob
Coleslaw, Dinner Roll
and Dessert

Chicken \$8.00 ~ Ribs \$10.00 ~ Combo \$15.00
5 years and under \$5.00

Country Store

Meat Raffle

OLL Golf Outing at Five Flags, Balsam Lake
Friday, August 10, 2018

Silent Auction

Beer Garden

Bingo

Check In 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Tee Off
2 person teams - \$25.00 / Person
First 36 people to sign up and pay in parish office.
Holes 1- 3 Scramble (best shot)
Holes 4 - 6 Alternate Shot
Holes 7 - 9 Best Ball - Each player plays their own ball to bottom of cut - Best of two scores.

Be part of the annual 50/50 game that follows the festival.. Purchase a numbered golf ball for \$5 and the ball will be placed in our bucket. At 2:00pm the ball will be pulled from the cage. The winning number will receive half and the other half of the pot will go to OLL. You do not need to be a golfer or present to win this little game of chance.

STUDY BOOK OF JOHN SUMMER BIBLE STUDY IS STILL HAPPENING

It's on Thursday following the 9am mass, in the church library; and thereafter, weekly all summer. The study is informal- each week a chapter is read, discussed and written questions answered. You will enjoy studying JOHN which is very different from the synoptics; Matthew, Mark and Luke. It was the last Gospel written, (He had the last word), somewhere around 90/100 AD in Ephesus. The Thursday study takes between 45 and 60 Minutes. If you are not able to attend all the sessions you are welcome to attend as many sessions as your schedule allows. The discussion leader is Jere Briggs who has summered at his cabin on Balsam Lake for more than 48 years. He led the study of Román last summer. It is claimed by some Bible scholars that " people find themselves closer to God & to Jesus Christ in JOHN than any other book in the world." Why not attend and see if you agree. I would like to challenge you to study what God is telling us with JOHN's gospel.

**We are making GREAT progress
on our mortgage!**

Balance after last payment :

\$491,965.32

Thank you for all your support!

Take a look!!

Your family, friends and neighbors will be exhibiting their artwork at Balsam Arts, 314 Main Street, during the month of July.

Amazing local talent surrounds us. The first annual show of local artists from Balsam Lake includes, Mary Skaret, Ardis Miller, Barb Jorgensen, Mandi Smith, Deb Stull-Kinsley, Karla Pentland, John Chartrand, Asher Wheeler, Sandy Mabry, and Angie Sandersen.

The exhibit opens on Sunday July 1. The artwork will be available for viewing throughout the month of July.



The next KC breakfast will be on
Sunday, August 5th
following the 8:30am mass.



To Purchase
Raffle, Basket Tickets &
Bid on Silent Auction

This week's Pick is The Bread of Life Discourse. To start? Some simplified catechism regarding the lectionary calendar. The Roman Catholic lectionary calendar is divided into Sunday Cycles—Years A, B, and C—and Week-day Cycles—Years I and II, which determines the gospel that is the primary focus of that year. For instance, in Year A of the Sunday Cycle, we read primarily from the Gospel of Matthew. In Year B, the Gospel of Mark and Chapter 6 of the Gospel of John. And in Year C, the Gospel of Luke. John's Gospel is also read during Lent and the Easter Season in all three years. This year, we are in Year B of the Lectionary Cycle, which, as mentioned above, means that we are reading mostly from the Gospel of Mark and also Chapter 6 of the Gospel of John, which includes The Bread of Life Discourse. This is the time of the year when we enter into that phase of the lectionary calendar. It is an important part of the Sunday Cycle for the Catholic faith because it is the content and interpretation of this chapter of the Bible that sets us apart from other Christian denominations. That is because we believe that when Jesus teaches about the Eucharist in this chapter, he speaks literally about what the Bread and Wine truly become—his Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Jesus reveals that he becomes truly present in the Eucharist. The reading of John 6 begins on July 29, the 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time, with the Feeding of the Five Thousand (John 6:1-15) and continues next week and throughout the rest of the month of August. While it's always a good practice, this is an especially critical time of the year to spend some time with the week's scripture passages prior to Mass. What to look for? Every section of John 6 is important in our understanding of the Eucharist—Jesus' bold statements about what it means, about him and for us—but pay particular attention to how Jesus responds when some of his disciples start to leave at the end of the chapter because they are shocked by what Jesus has said. Rather than call them back to explain that he was only speaking symbolically, he lets them walk away—he holds his ground. August, the month of The Bread of Life Discourse in the liturgical cycle. By Kathy Long