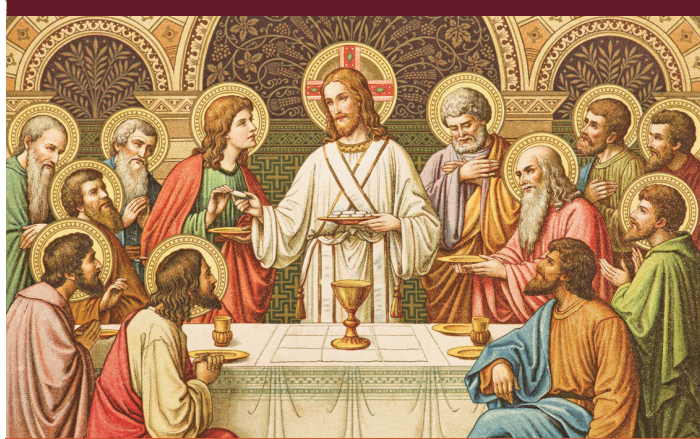


# St. John the Evangelist Greece

June 2, 2024

2400 West Ridge Road  
Rochester, New York 14626

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT  
*As disciples of Jesus Christ serving on the Parish Pastoral Council, we collaborate with the Pastor and Staff inviting the people of St. John the Evangelist Church to joyfully celebrate the Eucharist, faithfully teach Catholic tradition, and fervently form Catholic spirituality, so that together we may go forth in love to serve the Lord and each other.*



Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." - Mk 14:23-25

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## CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**Saturday Evening:** 4:00 PM  
**Sunday:** 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM  
**Holy Days:** As announced in bulletin  
**Weekdays:** Monday–Wednesday & Friday 8:15 AM

**CONFESSIONS** By Appointment Only. *Please contact the Parish Office 225-8980.*

**BAPTISMS** For parishioners requesting Baptism for their child, we encourage you to please contact the Parish Office at (585) 225-8980 before the birth of your child to prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism.

**MARRIAGE** Arrangements for the Sacrament of Marriage must be made at least SIX MONTHS in advance. Call the Parish Office at 225-8980.

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## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2 Pt 1:2-7/ Ps 91:1-2, 14-16/ Mk 12:1-12	2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/ Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16/ Mk 12:13-17	2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/ Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef/ Mk 12:18-27	2 Tm 2:8-15/ Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14/ Mk 12:28-34	Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/ Ps 12:2-6/ Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/ Jn 19:31-37	2 Tm 4:1-8/ 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd/ Lk 2:41-51	Gn 3:9-15/ Ps 130:1-8/ 2 Cor 4:13—5:1/ Mk 3:20-35

## Welcome!

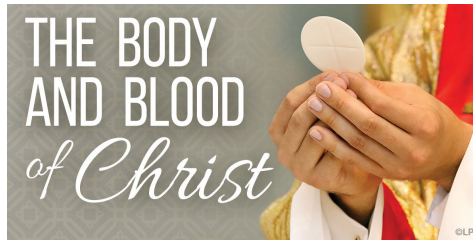
If you are new in the parish, we invite you to become a member of our faith community where we come together to worship the Lord and celebrate the Eucharist. We want to get to know you so please if you can introduce yourself after Mass, we will be grateful. Please know that your prayers, your presence, and support of our beloved St. John's Church are appreciated. Please call or e-mail the Parish Office for registration assistance. You will find contact information on the front cover of the bulletin.

## Knowing God and Our Faith

In the French language there are two words for knowing something. One is **connaitre**, the other is **savoir**. The French language makes a distinction between knowing something **intellectually-connaitre**, from knowing something from the **heart-savoir**. We all grasp various intellectual concepts at different levels and to varying degrees—**our book smarts**, so to speak, if you will. It is equivalent to the difference between simply repeating something we have learned, as opposed to sharing a true insight, or wisdom we have acquired from our experience—those powerful ah-ha moments we are blessed to have.

St. Augustine wrote, “God is Life. There are days when the burdens we carry on our back chafe our shoulder and wear us down; when the road we walk seems dreary and endless; when the skies above seem dark and threatening; when our lives have no music and our hearts are lonely and our souls have lost their courage.” At times like this, we turn to God for solace.

This is all the more reason why I would say, on any given Sunday, there are folks who stay away from our Eucharistic worship by using a long list of what they perceive to be legitimate excuses. They have allowed their brains or their hurt feelings or whatever to convince them that they really don't need to be here with us today. It is times like this, when **we need to know God from the heart, and why He is the God of our Life.**



When we come to worship, we gather around God's table as sinners trying to become saints and trying to strengthen our relationship with Him. When we come to the house of prayer, we join with others to worship God,

to praise and thank Him as we ask that our needs be met. We come in hope of gaining insight and wisdom into what we must be doing to be in tune with the will of God. Like Abraham, we hope beyond hope, and believe in the promises of our God because we **truly know** His love is still at work and unfolding in our lives this very day.

The Body and Blood of Christ links us to our ancestors in the faith who have eaten and drunk at this table and now enjoy eternal rest with God. These are our saints. They, too, are “companions” with us on the journey, praying for us, setting an example through their lives and giving us the encouragement even though we still have a way to go before we join them. The bond of this Eucharistic meal forged with each of us today will not end, even to death. Death has not and will not swallow us up. Jesus promises us in the Gospel, “Whoever eats this bread will live forever.”

May this blessing of His own word be with us forever in good times as well as in challenging situations of our lives. Peace be upon us all.



God Bless,  
Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu

## Congratulations Deacon Elmer Smith!



We take this opportunity to send along our congratulations and best wishes to you, **Deacon Elmer**, in celebration of the **12th Anniversary of your Ordination to the Diaconate on June 2, 2024**. May God bless you abundantly on your spiritual journey in your role as Deacon in the Diocese of Rochester. Wishing you good health, happiness, and peace.

*All our best, Fr. Peter, Parish Staff, and the Parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Church, Greece, NY.*

**Masses for the Week—June 3—9**

**MONDAY, June 3** *St Charles Lwanga*  
 8:15 AM + *Sr Jean Baptiste DiLuzio*  
 by Bob Skrypek

**TUESDAY, June 4** *Weekday*  
 8:15 AM + *Georganne Oestrike*  
 by Judy Weiser

**WEDNESDAY, June 5** *St Boniface*  
 8:15 AM + *Barbara LaForce*  
 by Debbie Stanton

**THURSDAY, June 6** *St Norbert*

**FIRST FRIDAY, June 7** *Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*  
 8:15 AM + *Ray & Alice Garney & Phoebe Decker*  
 by Judy  
 10:00 AM *Benediction*

**SAT, June 8** *Immaculate Heart of Blessed Virgin Mary*  
 1:00 PM *Wedding Matthew Black & Stephanie Braya*  
 4:00 PM + *Mario Girolamo*  
 by Family

**SUNDAY, June 9** *10th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 8:00 AM **NO Mass**  
 10:00 AM + *Mass of Thanksgiving Fr Peter's 40th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination*

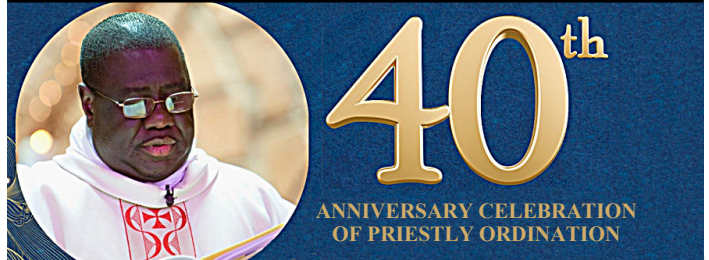
**Wills/Bequests/Memorials—  
 Please Remember St. John the Evangelist Parish**

**This Week's Schedule**

**Monday, June 3**  
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center  
 6:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council, Liturgy Committee,  
 and Finance Council Picnic in Parish Center

**First Friday, June 7**  
 10:00 AM Benediction in Church

**Saturday, June 8**  
 1:00 PM Wedding in Church



**Please take note...**

As I mentioned at last weekend's Masses, **Bishop Matano has re-appointed me as Pastor of St. John's for the next 5 years** until I reach senior status (age 75). I look forward to traveling this road with you as your Pastor.

As I've shared with you previously, I will be celebrating my 40th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination with a **Mass of Thanksgiving NEXT Sunday, June 9, 2024, at 10:00 AM with Bishop Salvatore R. Matano as the main celebrant.** I will be grateful for your attendance in celebrating this very special occasion with me.

Lastly, please know that in order to allow the time necessary to prepare for the 10:00 AM Mass, **there will be NO 8:00 AM Mass on Sunday, June 9, 2024.** I do hope those who regularly attend our 8:00 AM Mass will attend the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday or please join me for the 10:00 AM Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday.

*God bless, Fr. Peter*

**Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.**

June 2	June 3	June 4	June 5	June 6	June 7	June 8
Pope Francis	Richard Farrell	Charles Curran	Lance Gonyo	Steven Lewis	Vocations & Seminarians	Martin Truong

**Meaningful Ways to Observe the Special Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**



The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a devotion that began in the 12th century and became more popular after Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the 1670s, revealing to her the image of his Sacred Heart. Jesus told St. Margaret Mary that he

wanted the feast of the Sacred Heart to be celebrated on the Friday after the Corpus Christi octave. In 1856, the feast of the Sacred Heart became a universal feast. This year, the solemnity falls on **THIS Friday, June 7.**

St. John Paul II, who was deeply devoted to the Sacred Heart, said: "This feast reminds us of the mystery of the love of God for the people of all times."

Many Catholics desire to take the opportunity this month

to joyfully share their devotion to Jesus' Sacred Heart. Here are four meaningful ways to celebrate a devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in June or any time.

**1. Display a Sacred Heart flag or image.**

Display a flag or image outside your home. There is a growing devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Many Catholics are also enthroning an image of the Sacred Heart in their homes.

**2. Pray to the Sacred Heart.**

Catholics pray in a special way this month for Christ's love and truth to spread throughout the world so that, someday, all the world will honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Many other prayers to the Sacred Heart are particularly

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### Fruits of Holy Communion

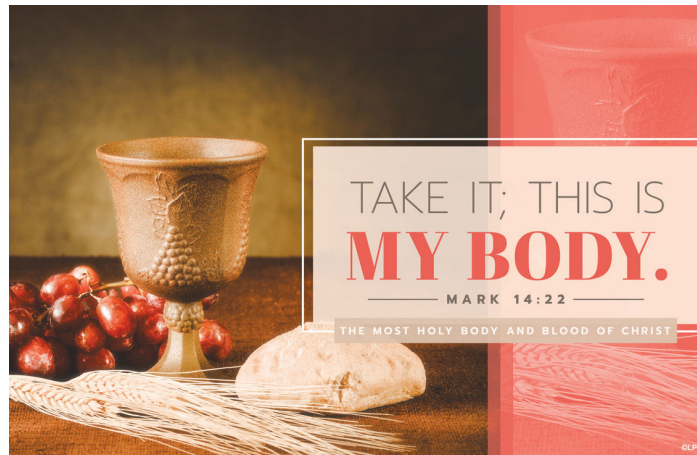
#### Question:

What are the "fruits" of holy Communion?

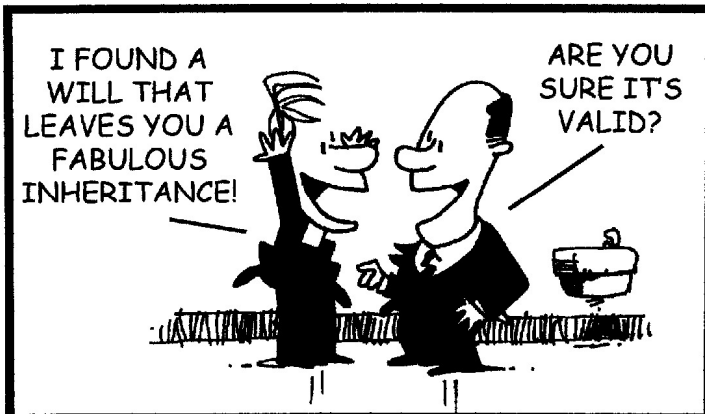
#### Answer:

The Eucharist, like all sacraments, offers its own unique grace. We receive a special share in God's life that helps us in our faith journey. We are given all we need to sustain and nurture our relationship with God. The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. Everything we are and everything we hope to become is found in this sacrament. It is essential to the life of the church, to each member of the church. Without it, there is no church. The Eucharist is the center of our spiritual life and has enormous effects on our growth, our holiness, and our way of life.

The fruits of holy Communion are the benefits one receives from the sacrament. These fruits of holy Communion are discussed in the catechism in the article on the Eucharist. The primary benefit is union with Christ. We become one with him sacramentally, just as we hope to become one with him for eternity. The Eucharist also separates us from sin, both past and future. It forgives the venial sins of the past and, by the love we receive, protects us from mortal sin in the future. The church community is also unified and strengthened by the Eucharist. It unites us to the poor and offers the pledge of eternal life. ©LPI



#### BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



### Opportunities to Pray the Rosary with Others



#### America Needs Fatima Public Rosary Rally—Please join us!

Please join us at the South/East corner of Long Pond & Latta Rd. on the following dates/times:

- Thursday, June 13 at 6:00 PM
- Sat, July 13 at Noon . Tues, August 13 at 6:00 PM
- Friday, September 13 at 6:00 PM .
- Sunday, October 13 at Noon

**NOTE:** Please use the various parking lots in the vicinity so as not to diminish the parking availability for customers at any one business.

We hope to see you there! For any questions, please contact the Parish Office (585) 225-8980.



#### “Gather the Sheep”

Please join us for the Rosary Crusade June 13, 2024 at 6:30 PM at Holy Cross Church Sponsored by Holy Cross and Our Mother of Sorrows

Our Lady of Fatima requested in her first apparition, May 13, 1917,

“Pray the rosary every day to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war.”



## Finance Council Meeting Minutes—March 12, 2024

**Attendees:** Fr. Peter, Bob Skrypek, Chris Frontale, Joe Spurrier, Jerry Dominik, Nick Verdino, Debbie Smith (*new member*), Mary Speer (*on the phone*)

Agenda sent out by Chris:

### Review Meeting Agenda

Notes from Meeting (prepared by Joe Spurrier)

### Introductory Prayer:

 – Fr Peter

Introduced Debbie Smith as a new member of the Council - replacing Mary Grace Paoletti.

### Collection and Attendance:

 – charts provided:

- Collections have held up well – even though there has been some shift in the source of offerings among 3 sources, i.e., envelopes, loose checks & cash, and e-giving.
- Plate offerings and E-giving are both down a bit but Envelope Offerings are up to offset the others.
- In 16 out of 35 weeks our collections have met or exceeded the weekly budget of \$9,530 (total annual budget = \$486,000).
- Discussed issue of the pace Ushers use when passing the basket for 2nd Collections – slower pace might give parishioners more time to add their offering to the basket.
- 4 collections have been over \$12,000 (first was in July) and our lowest has been \$6,900 (in Oct).
- Gifts and Fundraising are down but more time will provide a better picture of where we stand regarding the budget.
- Attendance has held steady – a chart of weekly attendance was provided.

### Q2 23-24 Financial Statements:

#### Balance Sheet:

- SJ has a strong Balance Sheet; good cash reserves
- The impact of the Bankruptcy payment on Bal Sheet was discussed.
- The Council decided to NOT move additional cash to CD's but did decide to renew our current 6-month cert. when it comes due.

#### Profit/Loss:

- Good discussion of 2-pg summary and 6-pg detail listing each General Ledger Account.
- We discussed the combination of previously separate Boiler Fund collections and Capital Improvement into a single Boiler/Capital Improvement Fund.

### DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART *Continued from page 3.*

meaningful this month. There are a number of beloved aspirations that can be said throughout the day to connect quickly with Christ:

“Sacred Heart of Jesus, make my heart like yours.”

“Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in you.”

“Sacred Heart of Jesus, I believe in your love for me.”

“Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, grant that I may love you more and more.”

“Sacred Heart of Jesus, protect my family and have mercy on us.”

### 3. Seek out the Sacred Heart.

- All questions were answered, and Financial Statements accepted.

**23-24 CMA Update:** – chart provided – no discussion; target was met.

### Buildings and Grounds Update:

 – no discussion:

- Parish Center Heating/Cooling – some issues with current equipment.
- Skylight replacement update

### Other Business:

follow up and review of Audit Report:

- The purpose of this portion of the meeting was to bring the Council up to date on the status of the Audit completed at the end of 2023 so Council members could formally sign the Audit Report (*Done*).
- The status of the Audit was GREEN meaning a follow-up is not needed.
- BUT...the Audit Report contained some recommendations for actions SJ should take to move some additional activities to a Central Business Office located at St. Charles Borromeo (of which Chris Frontale is the Director).
- To sum up the suggestions and the decisions made by the Finance Council:
  - (*in process*) - Mail Bank and Investment Statements and related correspondence directly to the CBO.
  - (*in process – but not for all vendors*) - Vendor bills should be mailed directly to the CBO. When implemented for a vendor, SJ will see the invoice after checks have been written but before they are signed by Fr Peter or SJ alternate check signers.
  - (*done*) – personnel files should be maintained in CBO.
  - (*will not be done at this time*) Counting of Mass Collections and Misc Funds should be done at the CBO by SJ Count Teams.

### (not discussed) Executive Session: Bankruptcy Update

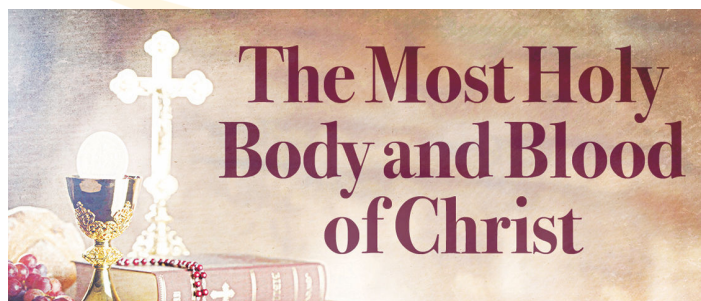
#### Other business – NOT DISCUSSED but are relevant to the SJFC

- Use of SJ Parish Ctr as Election Polling Site – really, a continuation of what the parish has done for several years. April 2, 2024 will be the first (of 3) election in 2024. The parish is paid about \$1,000/year.

A special visit or pilgrimage to a parish or chapel dedicated to the Sacred Heart is fitting this month. If there is a statue or image of the Sacred Heart at a church near you, bring flowers to lay before it, or bring loved ones there for prayer.

### 4. Share the love of Christ's Sacred Heart.

Devotion to Jesus' Sacred Heart is a celebration of the reign of Christ's infinite love. Sharing the love of Christ this month might include doing acts of kindness for friends or family members, spending extra time in prayer, or helping someone in need. Visiting Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament seems especially appropriate this month.



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✠ Tabernacle I In Honor of Deacon Elmer's 12th Diaconate Ordination Anniversary
- ✠ Tabernacle II Prayer Line Requests
- ✠ Marian I In Honor of George Bastedo on his Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate
- ✠ Marian II Wedding couple, Matthew & Stephanie

## BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



Due to the Memorial Day holiday, our May 25/26 Collection and Mass attendance will be noted in the June 9 bulletin.

*With sincere gratitude, Fr. Peter thanks all who continue with their financial assistance in support of the many needs in our parish.*

### Online Giving

You can make your weekly, monthly, annual and one-time donations from your checking or savings account, or by using a credit or debit card, electronically, from your own computer. We use a product from a company that we have been with for a long time and has a long history of working with parishes around the country. It is easy, safe and secure! A link to Online Giving can be found at our Parish Home



Page [www.stjohngreece.org](http://www.stjohngreece.org).

Don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office, 225-8980 for details or assistance with Online Giving.



## Catholic Communication Campaign

CONNECT WITH CHRIST

Next week, June 8/9, our second collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. And fifty percent of funds collected remain in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/ccc](http://www.usccb.org/ccc).

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## Marriage & Banns

### III. Matthew Black and Stephanie Braya

*As a faith community, let us offer our prayers for this couple as they prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony.*

**St. Charles Borromeo Summer Camp 2024!**

**July 8 - 19**  
**9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

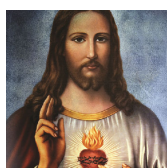
A 2-week curriculum based, faith formation program for Kindergarten\* - 9th grade

\*must have completed kindergarten in '22- '23 school year to participate

For more information and/or to request registration forms, call:

**Amanuel Malik**  
Faith Formation Director  
At 663-8000 (opt #3)

Registration forms are also on the table at the center doors in the Narthex here at St John's.



## JUNE Month of the Sacred Heart

### Prayer of the True Presence

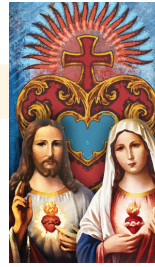
My Lord and my Love —  
Bread of Life, nourish me. Pascal Lamb, restore me. Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, consume me as I consume you.  
Amen. ©LPi

**PRAYER TO  
ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**

**St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle,  
be our protection against the wickedness  
and snares of the devil.**

**May God rebuke him we humbly pray;  
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host,  
by the power of God, cast into hell Satan  
and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world  
seeking the ruin of souls.**

**Amen.**



**We Honor the “United Hearts of  
Jesus and Mary” on their feast  
days at Sacred Heart Cathedral**

Please join Father Peter Van Leishout,  
Rector at Sacred Heart Cathedral for two  
consecutive Masses.

**The Sacred Heart of Jesus** on Friday, June  
7 at 11:00 PM

**The Immaculate Heart of Mary** on Saturday, June 8 at  
12:00 AM

*Please use the rear doors ONLY and park at the Entrance  
bordering Ridgeway Avenue.*

**Senior Home Communion Service Ministers June 2024**

**HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

June 9, 2024            Ron LaForce  
June 23, 2024        Steve and Mary Ann Donato

**THE VILLAGE AT UNITY**

June 2, 2024            Tom Grieco  
June 9, 2024            Bob and Barb Gotham  
June 16, 2024         Tom Grieco  
June 23, 2024         Bob and Barb Gotham  
June 30, 2024         Bob and Barb Gotham

**ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

June 2, 2024            Dan & Melissa Kabasin  
June 9, 2024            Chris Hoefler  
June 16, 2024         Terry & Pam Hearne  
June 23, 2024         Dan & Melissa Kabasin  
June 30, 2024         Carolyn Kerhaert