St. John the Baptist CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

November 17, 2019
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Bearing witness to Jesus Christ who is the Way, the Truth and the Life: GO. MAKE. TEACH.
Our Core Values: a reliance on prayer; a willingness to grow; a generous spirit

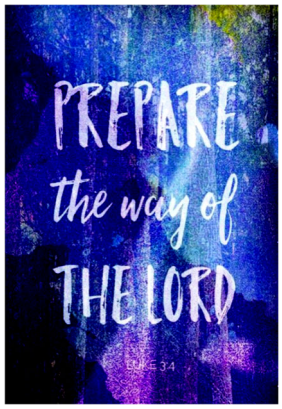
One Spirit ~ Many Gifts Sunday Giving Renewal

Hundreds of parish families have committed to regular Sunday gifts to our parish. Thank you! If you have not yet turned in your pledge response, it is not too late! Please turn in your form via the collection at any Mass or to the parish office, by mail or dropping it off. May God bless you for your generosity!

For more information please contact Bret Sutton, Director of Stewardship & Development, at suttonb@stjohnnyb.org or 651-315-5952.

RESEMBLANCE

The dignity of resembling the Almighty is common to all people; we should then love them all as ourselves, as living images of the Deity. It is in this that we belong to God. ~ St. Francis de Sales



"Inviting In" Family Advent Retreat

What are simple ways to invite Jesus into our homes during Advent to make the season of Advent more meaningful for your family? **Please join us immediately following 10:30 Mass TODAY, Sunday, November 17 for the Family Advent Retreat in St. Joseph Hall.** We will have tacos for lunch, and we ask that you bring a side or dessert to share. We will do a fun group activity and then have a breakout session for kids based on age while the adults hear a talk. We will also make an easy luminary craft that will bring the Holy Family into our homes. We will conclude by welcoming Jesus into our lives during a time of adoration! "Invite In" a family to join us!

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Mon.- Thurs.	8:00am - 8:00 pm
Friday	8:00am - 7:00 pm
Saturday	9:00am - 5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00am - 5:30 pm

PARISH LIBRARY HOURS

Sat. 5:30 PM; Sun. 9:30 & 11:30 AM

Church Nursery: We offer year-round nursery during both the 8:30am and 10:30am Sunday Masses for children ages 1-3. Children play with caring staff while you are able to fully participate in Mass.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to St. John's!

The Next New Parishioner Meeting: December 14/15

The new parishioner meeting will be held after each Mass the weekend of December 14/15. The meeting will start 15 minutes after Mass in St. Joseph Hall.

All are welcome to attend.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, November 18, 2019
8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Magner (The Dulski Family)
6:15 PM Handbell Practice ~ LL101
6:30 PM CCW Meeting ~ St. Joseph Hall
7:00 PM Library Committee Meeting ~ Library
7:00 PM RCIA ~ 210

Tuesday, November 19, 2019
8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Magner (William David Dunn, Sr.+)
9:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks ~ St. Therese
9:00 AM Sunday Scripture ~ 204
5:30 PM Parish Leadership Commission ~ SJH

Wednesday, November 20, 2019
8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Paul (Eugene Varville+)
9:15 AM Faithfully Fit ~ 208
9:30 AM Fall Scripture Study ~ 210
9:30 AM Legion of Mary ~ 211
12:00 PM Widow/Widowers Potluck Lunch ~ SJH
5:00 PM Confessions ~ Church
5:30 PM Mass ~ Fr. Magner (James John Bischof+)
6:30 PM Middle School Youth Group ~ LL106
7:30 PM *devoted* ~ St. Joseph Hall
8:00 PM Senior High Youth Group (SHYG) ~ LL106

Thursday, November 21, 2019
6:30 AM Men's Fellowship ~ St. Joseph Hall
8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Paul (Vu & Tran Families)
9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Chapel
9:15 AM Circle of Women ~ 206
2:30 PM Middle School Open Youth Room ~ LL106

Friday, November 22, 2019
8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Magner (Gerald Pittman+)
1:00 PM Quilters ~ LL108

Saturday, November 23, 2019
3:30 PM Confessions ~ Church
4:30 PM Mass ~ Fr. Magner (John and Katherine Macnowski+)

Sunday, November 24, 2019
Catholic Campaign for Human Development
8:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Magner (Arnold Klukas, Jr.+)
8:30 AM Sunday School ~ School Classrooms
10:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Magner (Rick Weimar)
10:30 AM Sunday School ~ School Classrooms
5:30 PM Mass ~ Fr. Magner (Pro Populo)

From the Parochial Administrator: Father Paul Shovelain

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and School serves as a teaching parish for the St. Paul Seminary. The seminary has sent us numerous seminarians over the years to learn what the life in the parish is like. Currently, we have Ben Snyder, who is in his second year of theology. He is focusing on different aspects of the parish during his four years here. Last year, he focused on getting to know the parish in general and pastoral care. This year he is focusing on teaching and sharing the faith. In fact, next week he will be giving a presentation to our parents at the Family Advent Retreat. Next year, he will focus on administration and attend various meetings. His fourth year he will serve as a transitional deacon and assist at Mass and other Sacraments. Fr. Skluzacek oversees the Pastoral Formation of the seminarians, which includes the teaching parish program. Please pray for Fr. Skluzacek and all our seminarians as they prepare to serve our Church! Here is a photo of Fr. Skluzacek, Ben, and I at his Acolyte Installation at the St. Paul Seminary. It was a formal step that he took on the path to priesthood.

As the Father loves me, so I also love you!

Father Paul Shovelain

Ben Snyder ~ the teaching parish seminarian

If you have seen someone new at the parish this last year or so who looks like he is fifteen and is wearing clerics, that's probably me: the teaching parish seminarian. I am at the Saint Paul Seminary and I come up to SJB to be participate and learn from you all about how to be a priest through the year.

What happens there? Yes, there are classes and the usual school elements, but the most important aspects of seminary can be summed up in the core values of SJB.

Reliance on prayer is the primary mission of seminary and building the relationship with God that comes from persistent prayer. This comes primarily in my daily holy hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist. I start my morning at 6:15am with a holy hour to center my day in Jesus Christ. The seminary schedules Mass along with morning prayer and evening prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours (praying the psalms at set times during the day).

On days where I put off the holy hour or do not schedule time for prayer like the rosary, all the distractions of the day pile up very fast. Distractions like study, work, meetings, TV, news, Netflix, or fraternity with brother seminarians take all my time. Scheduling time for prayer builds my relationship with Jesus. I am reminded that He is the Lord of my day and I rely on him, not my own strength.

Willingness to grow comes from prayer and living as the man that God made me to be. At times, I like to think that I am in control and you know what? I'm a pretty good person! In seminary living with my brother seminarians, it does not take long to know that well... I'm not. I get irritated that that guy took my spot in the chapel or I get impatient with the guy listening to music when I'm trying to read.

The lie can show up that "this is who I am. I can't change. He should change." This lie prevents growth and makes me weak. Jesus wants me to be willing to change and grow so that I can become the man he made me to be: one who loves like Jesus. In seminary, I have been given brother seminarians, a spiritual director, and a priest formator (like Fr. Skluzacek is now) to help me find those areas where I do not love well enough yet. This way, I can grow to break out of the lie of being a "good person" and become the "holy person" Jesus wants of me.

A generous spirit comes primarily in loving as Jesus loves in day to day life. Relying on prayer and being willing to grow to love as Jesus loves, it is natural to want and share that relationship with Jesus with others. For me, that primarily is through giving of my time. This is hard sometimes with all the demands that come from daily life.

It is often those times when I feel the most resistance to be generous (and there is so much procrastinating to do), that I find Jesus in the most unexpected places. During minor seminary, I experienced this when I volunteered at a mentoring program with a fifth grader who came from a seriously broken family situation. If I were not open to be generous with my time, I would have missed the blessings God had for me working with this student.

This is how I live of the core values of SJB in my life at seminary. It may sound easy, but each day has its challenges. I'm sure that is true for you as well. However, if we follow Jesus and stay in relationship with Him, He will give us the grace to help us.

Ben Snyder
Seminarian

Pastoral Care Endowment

St. John's is pleased to announce the establishment of the new ***Pastoral Care Endowment*** with a special gift given in memory of ***Julie (Cedarholm) Hammer*** . The ***Pastoral Care Endowment*** will support the many outreach ministries to the elderly, homebound and sick, and members of our parish community in times of emergencies.

Julie was a parishioner here at St. John's who died at the age of 45 of ovarian cancer. Her faith was very important to her as she battled her illness. When Julie was first diagnosed with cancer, she hoped she would have the opportunity to help others with life threatening illnesses. When doctors determined she was not going to survive she realized she wouldn't have that chance. Julie asked her husband Mark to carry on for her in helping others telling him "I need you to do this for me."

To keep Julie's dream alive of helping others who are ill and in gratitude to Father Skluzacek, the family of Julie Hammer has funded the money to start the Pastoral Care Endowment.

For those of you who would like to remember a loved one like Julie or for including St. John's in your estate planning please contact Bret Sutton at 651-315-5952. Endowment funds include Pastoral Care, General Operations, Capital, School Operations, School Scholarship, Worship, Youth Development, and Cemetery**.**

***Julie's wishes in her own words* to her family.** *"I don't know why this cancer had to happen to me but I know I will be in heaven and waiting for all of you. In the meantime, take care of each other, help each other, and love each other just as I love all of you."*

LIVING OUT A GENEROUS SPIRIT AT ST.JOHN'S THANK YOU!

To everyone who handed out grocery bags, to those who returned them with food, and to those who helped us deliver them to Ralph Reeder, we thank you! We collected 3,580 pounds (1,026 pounds went to our food shelf).

"When were you hungry, Lord, and we fed you?"
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Father Behr (pronounced Bear)

It was his day off and Father Behr, without his Roman collar, was driving a little too fast. Luckily, it was an Irish Catholic cop who pulled him over. "Officer, do you know who I am? I'm Father Behr." "Listen," replied the cop, "I don't care if you're Mother Goose, you're still getting a ticket!"

Well, we care- about the homeless. That's why we're collecting white socks, T-shirt's, boxer shorts, thermal underwear (large sizes) and women's socks and underwear, too. Blue containers at church doors.

Don't break the speed laws, but get them to us before Sunday night of Thanksgiving weekend (December 1). This could be our 'ticket' to heaven! Here's a thought- involve the kids- what a great learning lesson!

"When were you naked, Lord, and we clothed you?"
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PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Those who have entered eternal life:

Those who are ill: Sawyer Anderson, Betsy Brown, Jean Bucksa, Dee Olson, Jim Smith, Jerry Renk**,** Dale Phillips, Dennis Fox, Teresa Lieser, Kathleen Schopf, Tom Miskowic, Bob & Christine Springhetti, Ben Montes, Steve Lauinger, Marianne Brekke, Charlotte Thrun**,** John Riedle, Dolores Bona, Joan Zawadski, Suanne Christensen, Poppy Craft, Rita Kochevar, Bernice Bartz, Annette Kirwan, Bonnie Norgren, Tom Roback, Mike Bartel, Emma Lutsilili, Jerome Sauer, Braxton Battaglia, Beverly Aplikowski, Stephan Bucko, John Mistelske, Mary Gormally, Lloyd Mans, Mary Spitzka, Elaine Loscheider, Bev Stampfle**,** John Demont, Michael Ferdelman, Shirley Hill, Jon Clark, Jim Montury, Lucas Kramer, Cassie Cramer, Georgianna Warden, Donna Yenish, Mary Wegerson, John Leibrich, Scott Lemke, Mark Nelson, Nella Pitzen, Mary Lou Long, Donna Reinkober, Helen Sullivan, Alfred Duku-Celestino, Fulton Francis Dobbs, Virginia Hudoba, Carl Stampfle, Marcy Eder, Doug Brekke, Jack Longnecker, Joe Szepieniec, Stanley Kruta, Philip Jarosz

If your name has been removed from this list and you would like to be prayed for, please call the parish office.

PRAYER LINE 651-633-1618 /651-247-4202
Call with your prayer requests.
Requests are confidential.

BIRTHRIGHT Caring help for pregnant women. (651) 646-7033 Saint Paul
(763) 757-0715 Coon Rapids

The Angel Tree will be up the weekend before Thanksgiving. Plan on taking an angel and shopping early for those in need in our area.

This year we will be collecting for Ralph Reeder, St. Vincent de Paul, Sharing and Caring Hands and Holy Rosary Church in South Minneapolis. These places rely on our generous giving at this time of the year when we all are being pulled from different organizations.

FROM THE OFFICE OF DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

Sunday Scripture Tuesdays at 9:00am in room 204. No registration is necessary, all are welcome.

CIRCLE OF WOMEN, Room 206, 9:15-11:30 am. We invite women of all ages to join us for our next gathering on **Thursday, November 21**. This week we will be joined by Rochelle Matos. Rochelle is a full-time working mother of six who also homeschools. She has witnessed and grown in virtue through her work as well as in her roles of wife and mother. She will be sharing more about this journey and the strategies she has employed in her talk "Finding the Lord Amidst Work as a Birth Doula" Childcare is available. Questions? contact Michelle at (763)442-4936 or Carrie at (612) 275-2236. Brochures are available in the kiosks. **We look forward to seeing you on Thursday!**

Thursday Morning 6:30-8:00am - Now – December 12, 2019 - The Wild Goose DVD Series by Fr Dave Pivonka.
Come for the donuts, stay for the truth!! Questions, call Dave @ 612-616-4013

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN - All CCW members and friends are invited to join us for our next meeting November 18 at 6:30 PM in St. Joseph's Hall. For more information call Lu Heiling at 651-633-0710. Blessings to all!

Please join us for *devoted* on November 20 for a special Advent style retreat evening with Gina Bauer, our last women's retreat leader. Social time begins at 7:30pm with an 8pm start and Gina will do a presentation, along with reflections during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, beginning at 8:30pm. This is a great way for women to prepare before entering into the craziness, we call Advent and Christmas. This will be a Christmas gift for all who attend. **Please note: this is the 3rd Wednesday of the month.** REMINDER: *devoted* does NOT gather in December or January

Winter Scripture 2020 - Two Part Series: Letters from Prison Part I & II - offered only on Wednesdays from 9:30 – 11:00am beginning January 22. Letters from Prison - Incarcerated numerous times "for the defense of the gospel" (Phil 1:16), Paul wrote several letters from the confines of prison. Letters from Prison, Part 1, explores the letters of Philippians and Philemon in four sessions, explaining the reason each letter was written and addressing various themes such as joy, unity in Christ, reconciliation, and the close relationship between Paul and his communities. Letters from Prison, Part 2, provides an in-depth investigation of Paul's letters to the Colossians and Ephesians, two letters with a great deal in common. Besides being written from prison, both letters address Gentile communities learning to live faithful Christian lives. Exploring themes such as God's eternal plan, the unity of the church, and the fullness of life in Christ, these letters offer a sweeping and still relevant vision of faith in Christ and the church as his body. Cost is $30. Registration online only by visiting https://bit.ly/36UvL5j

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP IS COMING UP! Join us for a night of service and gratefulness Wednesday, November 20 from 6:30-8pm in the Youth Room!

GLORIFY
PRAISE AND WORSHIP

All ages are invited to join the NET Team for praise and worship Saturday mornings.

NOVEMBER 2ND, 16TH, & 23RD / IN THE ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST YOUTH ROOM / SATURDAYS AT 10:00AM

Archdiocesan Synod—What's working and what's not in the Archdiocese? Archbishop Hebda wants to hear from you! Please prayerfully consider attending an upcoming Prayer and Listening Event, as part of the Pre-Synod Process and make your voice heard. Your input will help guide the Archdiocese over the next 5-10 years. There are 20 Prayer and Listening Events. Learn more about the Synod and see a full listing of Prayer and Listening Events at archspm.org/synod

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
Friday:	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday:	2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

8th Grade Washington D.C. Poinsettia Fundraiser

Are you looking to add a little Christmas color to your home? The 8th grade class at St. John's School is selling poinsettia plants to raise money for their upcoming trip to Washington D.C. Plants are available in pink, white or red in sizes 4.5" ($9), 6.5" ($15) and 8.5" ($25). Order forms may be found on the Harvest Table or at the school office.

Orders and payment will be accepted through Thursday, November 21 - bring to the school office (Monday – Friday 7:30am-3:30pm) or drop it off at the Welcome Desk in St. Paul Plaza.

Plants will be available for pickup on Friday, December 6 from 2:30 - 4pm, Saturday, December 7 after 4:30pm Mass or Sunday, December 8 after 8:30am and 10:30am Masses in St. Paul Plaza. If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Carroll carrollj@stjohnnyb.org or 651-633-1522 x1111.

THANK YOU FROM FAMLIES MOVING FORWARD

St John the Baptist provided a safe shelter for two families, totaling eight guests, for one week. One of the mothers commented that since her son arrived at St. John's, "he has been asking about Jesus". The mother gave us permission to nurture this budding relationship. During their last evening with us, both mothers said they didn't want to leave. When asked why, their response was "Everyone is so kind and nice here. We even have a queen size bed in large private room." St John's is living its theme of "Inviting In". The Families Moving Forward Team thanks our parish community.

SJB QUILTERS

SJB Quilters will meet Friday, November 22 from 1-3 PM in the Seniors Room. **We gladly welcome you to stop by and check out our quilts. New members are always welcome.** For more information, please contact Helen @ 763-786-1512 or Ann @ 651-484-5598. If you would like a prayer quilt, please contact Mary Hartz at 651-633-8333 ext. 1229.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next week we will have a collection to help support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 46 million people in the United States live in poverty today. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make permanent and positive changes for their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb/org/cchd/collection

Gifts of Financial Treasure, November 10, 2019

	This Year Actual	This Year Needed	Variance from Budget
Sunday/wk 19	$26,297	$48,849	($22,552)
YTD through wk 19	$583,264	$664,051	($80,787)

God bless you for your generous support!

Thank you from the Council of Catholic Women

Many thanks to all who shopped at Auntie's Attic or donated items. The outstanding CCW crew spent many hours unpacking, cleaning, pricing and displaying the many beautiful, useful and interesting items. It was a wonderful sale that netted over $2,300. A special thanks to the maintenance crew, the NET Team, and the Boy Scouts who were just awesome packing up the unsold items. The unsold items were sent to St. Vincent de Paul Store.

Many thanks to those who participated in the Living Rosary on October 21, under the direction of Lu Heiling. It was very inspiring to see so many parishioners join the Council of Catholic Women for their annual event. A special thank you to Fr. Magner and Jay Hunstiger for giving up their evening for the celebration of Mary's prayer.

A BIG THANK YOU to Beverly Aplikowski for her generous donation purchasing our new Council of Catholic Women banner. Please watch for it in the plaza!

Join us for our next meeting on November 18 at 6:30pm in St. Joseph Hall. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

Senior Advent Lunch

Join us on **December 4th at 11:30am** for a delicious soup lunch.

Father Paul will be giving a talk about Advent and for your enjoyment, entertainment will be provided by Janice Shovelain, Father Paul's Aunt.

Please bring a wrapped White Elephant gift to exchange.

Cost is $5. Please RSVP by November 27 by calling the parish office 651-633-8333.

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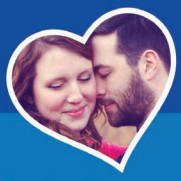

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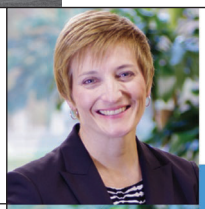

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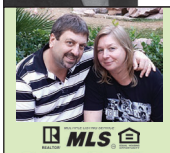
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