



# December 23, 2018 4th Sunday of Advent

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## Advent Reconciliation

Communal Service

(with Individual Confession and Absolution)  
(13 priests will be available)

**TODAY, Sunday, December 23, 2018 3:30pm**

## Christmas Masses

**Christmas Eve 4:00pm, 6:00pm & 10:30pm**

*(Incense free: 4:00pm and 6:00pm)*

**Christmas Day 8:30am (Incense free) & 10:30am**

## Feast of the Holy Family- December 29/30

Regular Sunday Schedule

## Feast of Mary, Mother of God

*Holy Day of Obligation*

Monday, December 31, 2018 5:30pm

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 10:00am

## Epiphany of the Lord-January 5/6

Regular Sunday Schedule

## Baptism of the Lord- Sunday, January 13, 2019

Regular Sunday Schedule

**Join us for Vespers to close the  
Season of Christmas,  
followed by a Eucharistic Procession  
January 13, 2019 4:00pm**

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Monday: Vigil of Christmas  
Tuesday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)  
Wednesday: St. Stephen  
Thursday: St. John  
Friday: The Holy Innocents  
Saturday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the  
Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket

## Additional Parking for Christmas Masses

Additional parking is available for the Christmas Masses at the New Brighton City Hall. We encourage those that are able to use the City Hall lot and the north parking lot (school gym) first to allow access in the Church parking lot for our elderly and handicapped guests.

Thank you for your kindness.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79  
Tuesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25  
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14  
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20  
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]  
Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22  
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
Friday: 1 Jn 1:5 - 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18  
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35  
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

## PARISH STAFF

### PASTORAL MINISTRY

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Jean Robson, Administrative Assistant ext. 1219  
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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon.- Thurs. 8:00am - 6:00 pm - **this week**  
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. **The nursery is closed on holidays, but children are always welcome at Mass.**

## NEW PARISHIONERS

### Welcome to St. John's!

#### The Next New Parishioner Meeting: January 12/13

The new parishioner meeting will be held after each Mass the weekend of January 12/13. The meeting will start 15 minutes after Mass in St. Joseph Hall.

*All are welcome to attend.*

*The bulletin deadline is 12:00 noon on Thursday, 10 days before the Sunday publication date. **All submissions for the Dec. 30 bulletin must be received no later than noon on December 18th.** All submissions will be edited for length and content and are subject to final approval. Space is very limited. Thank you for your cooperation. Send requests to: [stjohnsnb@pclink.com](mailto:stjohnsnb@pclink.com)*

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Monday, December 24, 2018

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels  
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Church  
8:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Skluzacek

### Christmas Eve

**4:00 PM Mass** ~ Fr. Paul  
(Walter and Florine Hoschette+)  
**6:00 PM Mass** ~ Fr. Paul  
**10:30 PM Mass** ~ Fr. Skluzacek (Pro Populo)

### Tuesday, December 25, 2018

### Christmas Day

**8:30 AM Mass** ~ Fr. Skluzacek (James Hunter+)  
**10:30 AM Mass** ~ Fr. Paul  
(Staff and Parishioners of St. John's)

### Wednesday, December 26, 2018

8:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Paul  
(Thomas and Doris Powers+)  
9:15 AM Faithfully Fit ~ LL106  
9:30 AM Legion of Mary ~ 204  
5:00 PM Confessions ~ Church  
5:30 PM Mass ~ Fr. Jaspers (Bernita Cooke+)  
**Parish campus will CLOSE at 6PM**

### Thursday, December 27, 2018

6:30 AM Men's Fellowship ~ St. Joseph Hall  
8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels  
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Church  
8:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Jaspers (John Brown+)  
9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Chapel  
**Parish Campus will CLOSE at 6PM**

### Friday, December 28, 2018

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels  
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Church  
8:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Skluzacek  
**Parish Campus will CLOSE at 6PM**

### Saturday, December 29, 2018

3:30 PM Confessions ~ Church  
4:30 PM Mass ~ Fr. Skluzacek

### Sunday, December 30, 2018

8:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Paul  
10:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Skluzacek  
(Richard Maurer+ & Bill and Mary Jane Maurer+)  
12:00 PM Baptism ~ Church  
5:30 PM Mass ~ Fr. Paul



## *From the Pastor: Father Michael Skluzáček*

December 23, 2018  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

### **Leaping for Joy**

The fourth “week” of Advent is only two days this year. Tomorrow we quickly switch gears and begin the Christmas Season with the Vigil Masses on Monday evening. The waiting of Advent turns quickly into the joyful celebration of Christmas. It is Mary who ushers us into this joyful season, as she goes “in haste” to visit her cousin Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the infant in Elizabeth’s womb *leaped for joy*. That infant was St. John the Baptist, our parish patron saint. The cause of the infant John’s joy was the nearness of his cousin, Jesus, who was soon to be born of Mary. The Holy Spirit had filled both John and his mother with an awareness of the presence of Jesus, the Savior of the world.

Our world today is often filled with suffering and trials. Joy is hard to find. This past year has seen its share of distress – in our world, in our Church, and perhaps in your family’s life. You might not feel like “leaping for joy.” Yet, the Holy Spirit, if we are open to his grace, will open our minds and hearts to the presence of Jesus, just as he filled Elizabeth and John.

This Christmas, invite the Lord Jesus into your heart once again, or maybe for the first time. Invite him to show you his face. Allow the Lord of the universe, who came to us as a little child, to fill your life with his peace. Ask him to help you bear whatever crosses you have. Carry his light to the world, as did his mother Mary, *with great haste*. And then, **leap for joy**; Jesus is here!

Fr. Michael Skluzacek

**“Do not be afraid.”** These encouraging words were said by the Archangel Gabriel to the Blessed Virgin Mary shortly before Jesus took on our human flesh in her womb. The words were repeated by the angels who appeared to the astonished shepherds the night of Christ’s birth. Both proclamations brought peace in the midst of uncertainty. This past year we have experienced uncertainty and fear in our lives as we strive to follow Christ. Yet, the birth of our Savior and Redeemer reminds us that we do not need to be afraid! Jesus Christ is here to rescue us! He is here to support us! He is here to forgive us! He is here to love us!

My prayer for you this Christmas Season is that you would be strengthened by the Lord’s faithfulness and his never failing presence. Jesus loves YOU! He has come to love and serve you! Respond to this love by living in love with him! Actively engage your faith and look for ways this coming year to grow in your relationship with Jesus. It will bring you more joy, peace and fulfillment. I guarantee it. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas! Do not be afraid! Rather, live in love, live in God!

Fr. Paul Shovelain

This beautiful sculpture in our school courtyard is named **“Full of Joy,”** as John and Jesus play in the Jordan River.





## 2018 End of Year Wish List

Please check out our St. John the Baptist Church and School Wish List for year-end sponsorship opportunities. Copies of the list can be found on our website, on the Harvest Table and at the Welcome Desk. Thank you!

### Thank You for Giving to St. John the Baptist!

As we approach the end of 2018, we want to express our most sincere gratitude to all of our parishioners for their support of St. John's this year. Your tax-deductible gifts to St. John's support our most vital ministries. If, in these next few weeks before the end of the fiscal year, you would like to make a special gift to St. John's, please note that all contributions for 2018 must be received in the collection or the parish office on or before Monday, December 31 or postmarked in 2018. Gifts received on Tuesday, January 1 or after without a postmark of 2018 will be credited to 2019 giving, not 2018, regardless of the date on the check or the envelope used. We are grateful for your gifts!

### Two other ways to give

**Electronic giving.** We offer a convenient electronic giving option that allows donations to be withdrawn directly from your bank account or debit/credit card on a scheduled, automatic basis. This method of giving allows both the donor and the parish to budget and allocate funds more accurately. Donations can be scheduled at a time of month convenient to you, and can be adjusted or suspended at any time. Authorization forms are available in the church office or call or email Michelle Chock in the parish office at [chockm@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:chockm@stjohnnyb.org).

**Gifts of stock.** A gift of appreciated stock is a good way to donate - you get to claim for tax purposes the full value of the gift when given to St. John's, and you avoid paying tax on the gain in the stock's value (capital gains). See your tax adviser to find out what works best for you. Please call or email Mark Dittman, Parish Business Administrator, with questions at 651-633-8333 ext. 1215 or [dittmanm@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:dittmanm@stjohnnyb.org)

**Thank you!**



## SAVE THE DATES

50TH ANNIVERSARY SPEAKER SERIES



**Fr. Michael Jonas**  
January 20, 2019 1:00-2:30pm  
**Vatican II - Its Effect on the Building of the Church**



**Nicholas Markell**  
March 3, 2019 1:00-2:30pm  
**How the Statuary, Stained Glass & Icons Speak to Us**

Refreshments served after both events  
Please mark your calendar

## PERPETUAL ADORATION

**Have a blessed Christmas with family and friends!**

**The Adoration chapel will be closed at 2pm Monday December 24th and will open at 9am Wednesday December 26th.**

These are the open hours that need to be filled: Monday 6pm; Tuesday 3am, 6pm; Wednesday 9am; Thursday 1am, 3am, 5am; Friday 9pm, midnight, 1am, 2am, 3am, 10pm, 11pm; Saturday 2am, 7am, 3pm.

Prayer partners are requested for these hours: Tuesday 5am; Wednesday 4am; Thursday 2am, 5am; Saturday 4am.

Substitute adorers are needed, especially for midnight to 6am

For more information and to sign up for your hour call Kathy 763-464-3985 or Mark 651-481-0939.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

**Those who have entered eternal life:**

**Those who are ill:** Elaine Bechard, Mary DeVries, Barb Gregerson, Lloyd Mans, Lucie Gebhardt, Mary Spitzka, Elaine Loscheider, Bev Stampfle, John Demont, Michael Ferdelman, Shirley Hill, Jon Clark, Jim Montury, Lucas Kramer, Bill Ivory, Cassie Cramer, Georgianna Warden, Donna Yenish, Mary Wegerson, Stephen Sandquist, John Leibrich, Scott Lemke, Mark Nelson, Nella Pitzen, Joan Roemer, Mary Lou Long, Donna Reinkober, Helen Sullivan, Victoria Stratton, Alfred Duku-Celestino, Ellie Warchol, Fulton Francis Dobbs, Virginia Hudoba, Carl Stampfle, Marcy Eder, Jeff Drew, Daniel Welter, Doug Brekke, Jack & Marcella Longnecker, Joe Szepieniec, Stanley Kruta, Philip Jarosz, Joni Grieman, Sara Groehler, Zach Boryczka, Tom Miller, Jean Schaaf, Greta Stefanich, Jean Lanzel, Deloris Wolcyn, Evelyn Arneson, Vic Spaulding, Madi Rippy, Sydney Rippy, Sarah Lumaya, Richard and Patricia Gigrich, Marianne Brekke, Patricia Beaubien, Delores Demont, Sally Norgren, Gerry Kuglin, Norma Stanisha, Steve Lauinger, Michael Warchol, Nancy Kiuii, Catheryn Klukas, David Martin, Mary Brunner, Kathy Brownrigg, Loretta Witkowski, Jessie Johnson, James Wehr, Carol Ruff, Juanita Zamor, Anne Saylor, Richard Pellow, Mary Puffer, Janet Doud, Gay Jacobsen, Carol Johnson, Anita Leibrich, Charlotte Thrun, Rose Maciaszek, Fred & Deana Irish, Connie Pearson, Mike Fritz, Rita Kochevar, Catherine Schonhardt, Barb Cant, Linda Puffer, Mark Puffer, Jenny Reicks, Robert & Annette Kirwan, Thomas Daley, May Garipey

**PRAYER LINE** 651-633-1618 /651-633-5845 Call with your prayer requests. Requests are confidential.

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



### Did you know....

The St. John's Men's Club Bingo began in 1930 in the old Church. In 1953 they could use the new cafeteria. As more people began attending the games, the players overflowed the auditorium into two class rooms and the first and second floor hallways. On a "good night" 900 people came for Bingo.



### Save the Date! **Wines to Wishes will be on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.**

This event is the premiere fund-raising event for the school. This year, funds raised will be used to purchase flexible seating furniture for our classrooms.

If you are interested in donating to our event, we are currently looking for the following items: Bottles of Wine worth \$20 or more; hot toys; outdoor gear; board games; sports apparel; art supplies; gift cards; tickets to events (sports, theater, etc.)

Items can be dropped off at the Welcome Desk or the School Office. Please mark with Wines to Wishes.

Contact: Rita Arndorfer [arndorferr@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:arndorferr@stjohnnyb.org) or Michelle Barsness [barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org).



Blessing of Expectant Mothers and their Families, December 9, 2018. Along with Mary & Joseph, several of our parishioners are looking forward to the birth of a baby. Congratulations!

### **Are you looking for a Christ centered, Catholic education for your child?**

The Preschool and Kindergarten Information and Enrollment Night will be held on Thursday, January 17, 2019, from 6 -7:30pm. At the event, you will learn more about the school, have the opportunity to tour the campus, as well as receive information about registration for the 2018-2019 school year. Most importantly, you will learn why St. John the Baptist is the perfect fit for your child. If you are interested in enrolling a student in grades 1-8 and would like to set up a private tour of the school, please visit our website [www.stjohnnyb.org](http://www.stjohnnyb.org) or contact the school office (651-633-1522).

### **Library News**

Wishing God's blessings this Christmas to all and a blessed New Year! Remember the church celebrates the Christmas season until Jan 13. There is a lot of time to enjoy Christmas books, CDs and DVDs. The parish library is open after the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. Any questions call Jeannie Kratzer @ 651-636-8928.

### **Widows and Widowers**

Join us for The Church Basement Ladies in "You Smell Barn" on Jan. 22 at The Ames center in Burnsville. We will have a bus leaving at noon for the 1pm show. \$25 for play and \$5 for the bus. Please respond before Jan. 2 as money due on that date. Limited space on the bus. Please call Mary Hartz 651-633-8333 ext. 1229. Checks payable to St. John the Baptist church.



Please join our confidential Caregiver Support Group on Tuesday, January 8 at 1pm in room 204. Questions? Mary Hartz 651-633-8333 ext. 1229

### **Did You Know?**

**Childcare** is available for families during the preparation classes for the sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Communion. Childcare is also available during Family Formation, Alpha, Circle of Women, Bible study and Reconciliation (5-5:30pm on the first Wednesday of the month).

**We offer year-round nursery** during both the 8:30 and 10:30 Sunday Masses for children ages 1 to 3 years. Children play with each other and caring staff while parents are able to fully participate in Mass. Nursery is closed on some holidays.

### **CONGRATULATIONS to our First Reconciliation Class of 2018-19!**

They experienced their first time in Confession on Saturday, December 15, and now will be preparing for their First Eucharist in the Spring. Please pray for them as they prepare to receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. You will find their names on the Good Shepherd banner in the Plaza. Let's support them as a parish community! There is a basket with their names on the Harvest Table, please take one and pray for them through their First Communion on May 4-5, 2019. Thank you!

### **Young Family Gathering on February 9<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 am**

Come and celebrate your child's Baptism anniversary with us! Young families are invited to a morning of brunch, speaker, and time to meet and get to know other families with children with similar ages as yours. Childcare will be provided and spots are limited. If you have participated in our Baptism Prep session or had your child baptized in the last 2 years this event is for you and your family! We hope to see you there.

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Archdiocese's Victim/Survivor Assistance Program 651-291-4497 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

# *All Parish and Children Faith Enrichment Opportunities*

## **All Parish Epiphany Event - Journey to the Inn with the Wise Men on Epiphany - Saturday, January 5**

4:30-5:30pm Mass (Sunday school will be available during this Mass)

5:30-6:15pm Pasta Dinner: by the Knights of Columbus **\*RSVP for dinner please (vegetarian and gluten free meals available)** \$6 – ages 11 and up • \$4 – ages 3 to 10 \*Children 2 and under are free

6:15-7:15pm Journey to Inn: No RSVP Needed – All are welcome

We start with Bible stories. Have a candlelight procession through the neighborhood singing Christmas carols, accompanied by the Wise Men as they journey to the inn. **Ending at the manger with live animals in the stable.** We will return to St. Joseph Hall where we will enjoy hot cocoa and cookies. Not able to walk around the neighborhood? That's okay! Join us for a delicious meal and Bible readings. Not interested in dinner? Just join us for the Bible readings and singing in the neighborhood. RSVP needed only if you plan to join us for dinner.

**YOU are invited to join us at Family Formation in 2019!** It happens every first Wednesday, unless there is a holiday or holy day. There are some great topics and speakers coming up in the New Year so make a point to come hear and learn about your faith. The presentations begin our evenings at 6:30 PM in St. Joseph Hall and you are welcome to join us for Mass at 5:30 PM in the Chapel and dinner at 6:00 pm. If coming to dinner, please let us know. The following are the upcoming months' topics and speakers

January 2, 2019	"A Match Made In Heaven" (Matrimony)	Carrie and Tom Pomeroy
February 6, 2019	"The Trinity, Now That's A Mystery!"	Fr. Michael Becker
March 13, 2019	"A Clean Sweep" (Sacrament of Reconciliation)	Fr. Paul Shovelain
April 3, 2019	"O Most Holy Week"	TBD
May 1, 2019	"On This Rock, I Will Build My Church"	Fr. Michael Skluzacek

**Sunday School** - Sunday school is available for children ages 3 through Kindergarten during both the 8:30 and 10:30 Sunday Masses. Sunday school follows the Gospel readings in the Lectionary as well as learning about the liturgical calendar, holy days and saints. During class we listen to the Gospel reading, sing songs, make crafts and pray and offer intentions around our prayer cloth. We began the year learning about St. Francis of Assisi with a blessing of the "stuffed" animals. We also decorated cards for seniors in the parish that are homebound, ill or recovering from surgery. December 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will have our Christmas program in St. Joseph Hall.



## **Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

Games, Crafts, Refreshments, and Fun!

Holy Saturday, April 20, 2019

10:00am Blessing in the Plaza

The Egg Hunt will be held outside, weather permitting, so children should dress for the weather.

## **Save The Date 2019 Look for Vacation Bible School and Totus Tuus coming in summer 2019!**

Children ages 3 through high school will have programming available. The theme for Totus Tuus this year will be on "THE SACRAMENTS". Watch for details and registration info coming soon!



Have you realized how blessed you are? How much you been given and how to "give back" or "pay it forward"? Have you wondered how to get involved in outreach to others? To do more and maybe do it together with your family, friends, fellow parishioners or neighbors? How about giving SOS a try? SOS, in this case, stands for Summer Of Service and we mean to make service to others available to all ages, families, singles, seniors, young adults, groups, teams, ministries, friends, co-workers, and any other gathering you can belong to! We learned last year that doing it all in one week is challenging at best, so this year, we are going to try one day each week of July. If you have ideas or connections, let us know! We will be making plans now, so if you are interested in joining us in the planning, I'd love to hear from you! Contact Mary Kohlhaas – 763.242.4229 or [kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org). Plan to make a serious impact in our community in 2019!



# Youth Faith Enrichment Opportunities



## **"Fan into Flame" Lenten Retreat for High School Students**

February 22 – 24 at the ARC retreat Center in Osceola Wis.

\$97. This retreat is a required Confirmation 2 retreat.

Contact Adam for more info and registration.



## **Extreme Faith Camp Is.....**

boating, water slide, beach, water balloon wars, mountain boarding, archery, mud tug of war, bonfires, sports, games, and tons of other awesome activities with junior high teens from around the Twin Cities. It's Mass, small groups, talks, prayer, Reconciliation, Adoration, music, and dramas designed to help your faith come alive!

This year's theme **"Venite me"- Come, Follow Me June 13- 19, 2019**

Big Sandy Camp - McGregor MN. **Open to teens finishing gr. 6-8**

\$375 plus registration form, due May 1st



This summer (July 14-22, 2019) we will be heading to the Steubenville Conference main campus in Ohio. We will spend a week in Ohio, activities include a day at Cedar Point - the best amusement park in the Midwest. We will also do mission work and get a tour of Columbus, OH (Adam's home town) and attend the three day Steubenville Conference. Cost of the event is \$425.

Email Adam roeblea@stjohnnyb.org for more information and to register.

## **Middle School Youth Group**

### **Attention all students going into 6-8th grades!**

Middle School Youth Group will be held on the following dates from 6:30 - 8pm in the youth room. January 9, January 30, February 13, February 20, March 27, April 24, May 15.

See the website for more info.

## **Senior High Youth Group**

Open to all 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Sunday nights from 6:30 - 8pm in the youth room. Senior High youth group runs on a 4 week cycle set up to help our young people encounter and engage in their relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church. See the website for the upcoming schedule.



Youth 365 is returning again this year. Envelopes will be mailed to your homes in March. This year, proceeds will go towards offsetting the cost of our many summer events, mainly Extreme Faith Camp and the mission trip to Ohio. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

# Couples Faith Enrichment Opportunities

## **Marriage Enrichment opportunity**

St. John's will be offering a marriage enrichment seminar called **Marriage in Christ**. This five-week seminar is for all married couples in any stage of the game. Develop daily habits of prayer, kind actions, and meaningful conversations to grow in your relationship with your spouse. Good habits and the power of the Holy Spirit transform all marriages! The Seminar will be Sundays: April 7, 14, 28, and May 5 from 3:30 -5:30 pm. Childcare provided. Spots are limited. Contact Jessica Balzarini at balzarinij@stjohnnyb.org for more information.

## **Canal Dinner 2/16/19**

### **THE SCHOOL OF LOVE: MARRIAGE, FAITH & OPENNESS**

**Presented by Pat and Kenna Millea**

All married and engaged couples are invited to join us for an evening of conversation, wine and dinner.

*Invitations available beginning January 2019.*

Pat & Kenna were married in 2009. Kenna works as a Marriage & Family Therapist and Pat has served for 12 years in Catholic Youth Ministry. They have four children and are expecting twins. They share their experiences of faith and family - in good times and bad - with **JOY, HUMOR and BEAUTY**.

# Adult Faith Enrichment Opportunities

## Join Sister Clarinda for Sunday Morning Scripture, Tuesdays at 9AM

**Men's Fellowship - Thursday Morning 6:30-8:00am** - Now - December 27, 2018. Knowing Jesus and His Church – Fr Larry Richards DVD Presentation. Looking for a clearer understanding of what we believe? Presented as only Fr Larry Richards can, this series of talks will give you a deeper look into the teachings of the Catholic Church. Come for the donuts, stay for the truth!! Questions, call Dave @ 612-616-4013

**CIRCLE OF WOMEN, Room 206, 9:30-11:30am** We invite women of all ages to join us for our next gathering on **Thursday, January 3**. Jennifer Hovland will be speaking on Lectio Divina and improving our personal prayer and relationship with the Lord by listening for His voice. Childcare is available. Any questions, please don't hesitate to call Michelle at (763)442-4936 or Carrie at (612)275-2236, our brochures are available in the kiosks by the information desk. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday!

**The SJB Knights of Columbus** will be serving family-friendly food for the January 5th "Journey to the Inn." The Knights provide support to the parish, school, and community. All men age 18 and over are eligible to become a Knight. As a Knight, you can give back to your parish with your service. Check us out at <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/join/sign-me-up.html>

**The Sacraments: Our Points of Contact with Jesus Christ** - Join your fellow parishioners for a 4-week series on The Sacraments. Fr. Paul, Fr. Skluzacek and Jessica Balzarini will give four powerful presentations demonstrating the immense importance of the seven Sacraments. In each Sacrament, Christ communicates his very life to us and allows us to participate in his work. The evenings will include a presentation, discussion, and a time for prayer.  
**When:** Wednesday evenings, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30pm You're welcome to attend one, two, three or four sessions (the fee is \$10 for 1, 2, 3 or all sessions) **Where:** St. Joseph Hall **Who:** Adults and teens are welcome to attend (limited spots for childcare provided) **Fee:** \$10 includes program materials and hospitality (Scholarships are available). Registration forms can be found in the kiosks.

**Bible Study with Sister Clarinda - The 3 letters of Johannine & Introduction to the Book of Hebrews (11 sessions)** Among the books of the New Testament, the Letter to the Hebrews stands out for its rhetorical and theological brilliance. It is arguably the greatest Christian sermon ever preached or written. Its author deserves to be revered as the patron saint of preachers. He has presented the essential claim of Christian faith that Christ died for our sins in a persuasive argument with a deep emotional appeal. One way to introduce this book is to describe Hebrews as a sermon in written form, of uncertain origin, intended to encourage perseverance in Christian faith. The author describes his work as a "message of encouragement". **Registration form can be found in the kiosks. Classes begin January 9/10.**



**The Catholic Watchmen Calling all Catholic Men!** As the new year approaches, look towards growing closer to God and to those within the faith! Watchmen offers a chance to elevate your faith and meet your fellow Christian Men! The next St. John's parish Catholic Watchmen Night is **Thursday, January 10**, from 6:30-9:00pm in St. Joseph Hall. Join other St. John's men for fellowship, food, beverage, and a new presentation about our faith. Questions? Contact Fr. Paul [frshovelain@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:frshovelain@stjohnnyb.org)

**Charismata** Do you prefer the music at our 5:30pm Mass on Sunday evenings? The same music group plays for our monthly Charismata event. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month from January through May. It's a time to be filled through praise and worship, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and prayer team ministry. Join us on January 11 at 7:30 pm



Our monthly women's gathering, *devoted* will begin again on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Join us for a little wine, a little chocolate and some social time at 7:30 pm and our Intro will begin by 8:10 pm. All women of the parish from all walks of life are welcome and bring a friend!

## No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion



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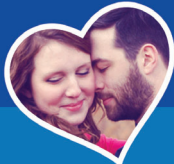


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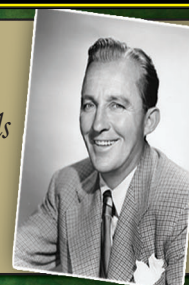
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