

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

# December 29, 2019

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



### Prayer to the Holy Family

JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you.

Amen.

*You are invited to join us for the  
Season of Christmas at St. John's*

**Feast of the Holy Family-**  
December 28-29 Regular Sunday Schedule

**Feast of Mary, Mother of God  
Holy Day of Obligation**

Tuesday, December 31 4:30pm  
Wednesday, January 1 10:00am

**Epiphany of the Lord**  
January 4-5 Regular Sunday Schedule

**All Parish Family Event Journey to the Inn  
Saturday, January 4, 2020**

**4:30-5:30pm:** Join us for Mass (Nursery, Sunday school and Children's Liturgy of the Word will be available during this Mass)

**5:30-6:15pm:** Sloppy Joes Dinner (vegetarian and gluten free meals available) provided by the Knights of Columbus. **RSVP for dinner only** by visiting <https://bit.ly/2Zc5gEX>

\$5 – ages 8 and up, \$3 – ages 3 to 7, children under 2 eat free \$20 max per family

**6:15-7:15pm:** We will begin with Bible stories then have a candlelight procession through the neighborhood singing Christmas carols, accompanied by the Wise Men as they journey to the inn. We will end 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? Come at 6:15.

**Epiphany Vespers - Sunday, January 5, 4:00 pm**

Join us for *Vespers* to celebrate Epiphany, followed by a Eucharistic Procession and festive hospitality.



## PARISH STAFF

### PASTORAL MINISTRY

Fr. Paul Shovelain, Parochial Administrator ext. 1214  
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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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:

January 11/12

The new parishioner meeting will be held after each Mass the weekend of January 11/12. The meeting will start 15 minutes after ALL Masses in St. Joseph Hall.

*All are welcome to attend.*

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Monday, December 30, 2019

8:00 AM Rosary Chapel of the Angels  
8:00 AM Confessions Confessionals  
8:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Wagner  
(Bob Rostratter & Family)

### Tuesday, December 31, 2019

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels  
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
8:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Wagner (Vu Family)  
**Administrative Offices CLOSE at Noon**  
4:30 PM Vigil Mass- Feast of Mary, Mother of God  
~ Fr. Paul (Mario Covi+)

### Wednesday, January 1, 2020

Feast of Mary, Mother of God  
Holy Day of Obligation  
10:00 AM Mass ~ Fr. Wagner (Pro Populo)  
**Parish Campus will CLOSE after Mass**

### Thursday, January 2, 2020

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 (Carrie Anne)  
9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Chapel  
7:00 PM Living in the Divine Will Prayer Grp ~ 204

### Friday, January 3, 2020

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels  
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
8:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Paul (Linda McDermott)

### Saturday, January 4, 2020

3:30 PM Confessions ~ Church  
4:30 PM Mass ~ Church  
4:30 PM Sunday School ~ School Classrooms  
5:30 PM Journey to the Inn and KC Dinner ~ SJH

### Sunday, January 5, 2020 ~ Epiphany

8:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Paul (James John Bischof+)  
10:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Wagner (Dan & Marlene Reid)  
4:00 PM Vespers for Epiphany ~ Church  
5:30 PM Confirmation 2 ~ LL106  
5:30 PM Mass (Pro Populo)



## *From the Parochial Administrator: Father Paul Shovelain*

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph experienced great suffering in their early years of family life. First of all, it was an unexpected pregnancy. Yet, Joseph and Mary came together and supported each other as they welcomed the Messiah into their lives. The setting of Jesus' birth was not ideal as they welcomed him into the world in the midst of smelly barn animals. Shortly after he was born many people came to see the Christ child. While this could have made his parents proud, I think of how parents of newborns do not want many visitors as they do not want their infant to be exposed to so many germs or illnesses. Yet, Mary and Joseph bore it patiently. Just when all the people were finally leaving and they were possibly settling into a rhythm of life, their world was turned upside down as Herod tried to kill the baby Jesus out of fear. They fled to Egypt where they sought protection. There they lived in a foreign land with unfamiliar customs and language barriers. Yet, they did it in order to fulfill God's plan and to keep the Christ child safe. This heroic sacrifice helped the baby Jesus to escape Herod's plot and so fulfill the plan of God the Father which brought about the redemption of the world! After Herod died, they were able to return to Nazareth where they raised Jesus. This weekend we honor the Holy Family and celebrate Immigration Sunday. The Holy Family had to experience the same struggles as immigrants today, like foreign customs, unfamiliar language and societal challenges. Yet, they persevered through them with great hope for a better future. Let us pray for those who have immigrated to the USA. We welcome them and love them as human persons created in the image and likeness of God. As Pope Benedict stated, "Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed. Each of us is loved. Each of us is necessary." As we welcome the immigrants from Africa, Central America, South America, Asia, the Middle East or other areas, let us remember their God given dignity and treat them as persons who deserve to be treated with respect. May we show them Christ in our hospitality, speech and kindness.

### *A Quick Look Back*

As we come to the close of 2019, I want to take a moment to look back at the last year and thank you and God for his blessings. In July, I transitioned to Parochial Administrator and it has been a blessing to serve you in this capacity. Fr. Skluzacek continues to serve as my supervising pastor and I check in with him about once a week via phone. Also in July, Fr. Magner began serving our parish and it has been a joy to serve alongside him here. We saw a great outpouring of support for the Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary as we welcomed them in August. We honored Sister Clarinda for her 65 years of consecrated life and the presence of her order in our parish for so many years. We started the school year in September with the largest growth our school has experienced in over a decade! The NET team began their ministry to our middle and high school students in mid-September. It has gone well and we have seen much growth in our youth program. We had a wonderful FallFest that so many dedicated volunteers and staff worked hard to pull off! In October and November we rolled out our Core Values of Reliance on Prayer, Willingness to Grow and Generous Spirit alongside our One Spirit Many Gifts Renewal. There was a noticeable increase in pledges, which we are hoping will materialize with actual gifts in the upcoming year. We saw parishioners live out of a generous spirit with the very positive response these past several months to various requests including the Baby Bush, the Sisters Giving Tree, food drive, sock and underwear drive, and Angel tree. We saw 125+ parishioners exercise a reliance on prayer and a willingness to grow by committing to Encounter Reach More Small Groups. Many others continue to frequent our well established parish ministries that enable us to grow into the disciples God is inviting us to be!

While there has been more funerals than baptisms in recent years, we did have more baptisms than funerals in November thanks to only one funeral! While we certainly have had various challenges, thanks be to God, this year has gone very well. As we come to the close of 2019, I am looking forward to 2020 and building up Christ's kingdom with of all you in New Brighton and beyond! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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

*Father Paul Shovelain*

Father Paul Shovelain



## **Families Moving Forward is coming: January 12-19, 2020**

Mark your calendars - Once again St John's will be hosting up to four families in need of safe shelter at our facility. Volunteers will share kindness and compassion with our guests along with hot meals, activities for the children, and fellowship.

Questions? Call or email Sharon Bowen at 651-644-8347, sbowen49@gmail.com, or Alicia Bowen at 651-644-8347, bowen.alicia4@gmail.com.

**Confirmation Students:** Sign up to earn service hours. There are many ways for all to volunteer! Please be a part of this wonderful ministry! Thank you in advance for your help.

## **2019 - Thank You for Giving to St. John the Baptist!**

As we approach the end of 2019, 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 all of our ministries. Please note that when giving to St. John's at the end of 2019, all contributions for 2019 must be received in the collection or the parish office on or before Tuesday, December 31 or postmarked in 2019. Gifts received on Wednesday, January 1 or after without a postmark of 2019 will be credited to 2020 giving, not 2019, 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 and on the parish website.

**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.

For information on these or other giving options, please contact Bret Sutton, Director of Stewardship & Development, at 651-633-8333, ext. 1217

or [suttonb@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:suttonb@stjohnnyb.org)

**Thank you!**

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR...**

### **Those who have entered eternal life:**

Patricia Manley; Barbara Jacobson, mother of Rebecca Valverde

**Those who are ill:** Hedwig Breske, Jeanne Dompierre, John Miskowicz, Mary Clare Farrell, Richard and Mary Puffer, Sawyer Anderson, Betsy Brown, Jean Bucks, Dee Olson, Jim Smith, Jerry Renk, Dale Phillips, Dennis Fox, Teresa Lieser, Kathleen Schopf, Tom Miskowicz, 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, Lucas Kramer, Cassie Cramer, Georgianna Warden, Donna Yenish, Mary Wegerson, John Leibrich, Scott Lemke, Mark Nelson, Nella Pitzten, 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

*Once again the beautiful creches of St. John's are in the display case in the Narthex by the library. Enjoy the peaceful feeling of comfort the creches provide in the telling of Christ's birth.*

**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. The next three are: Saturday, Jan. 5, 1-4 p.m. at Holy Cross, Minneapolis; Saturday, Jan. 25, 9 a.m.-noon at St. Peter Claver, St. Paul; Tuesday, Jan. 28, 6-9 p.m. at Pax Christi, Eden Prairie. Learn more about the Synod and see a full listing of Prayer and Listening Events at [archspm.org/synod](http://archspm.org/synod)

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

# Opportunities to Grow and Pray for Children and Youth

**Family Formation** - is the Catholic formation program we use for children in grades 1-6. It is an original approach to passing on the Faith, with parents having a hands-on approach to the education of their children. Family Formation meets once a month for both parents and children. We encourage everyone to go to 5:30 PM Mass, and even reconciliation at 5:00 PM since we provide child care, then we have dinner together at 6:00 pm, and Family Formation begins from 6:30 -8:00 PM. Each month has a different topic to focus on through 4 lessons. Each lesson is a great way to gather the family and build faith at home so that it is woven into the fabric of the family. Faith is meant to be lived every moment of the day, not just at church. All are invited to join us for the adults presentation. The next presentation will be on January 8 - Jesus As The Heart Of The Home (Jesus In The Eucharist) with speaker Kristen Carlstrom

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** - Do you ever wonder what happens when the children leave during the readings and homily at Mass and then return at offertory time? Children, grades 1-4 go to Children's Liturgy of the Word in the Chapel of the Angels. We read the readings of the day at the children's level and then have our own homily with them. The children learn about blessing themselves with holy water at the font, bowing to the altar in the chapel, seating quietly to experience God's peace, the proper responses to the parts of the Mass as well as the lessons in each Sunday's readings. Most times, the children have the opportunity to respond to God by writing on an offertory envelope that they place in the basket upon their return to the main church. Adults are welcome if you'd like to accompany your child (or grandchild).

**First Sacraments** - We are well on our way to preparing children for their **First Sacraments** this year. We are on track for 45 young people to receive First Reconciliation in February and who will then prepare for First Eucharist for May. Since parents are the primary educators of their children, they are preparing their children, while we help by providing retreats, encouraging and guiding them. If you have a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> grader who is ready for these Sacraments and are not registered, please call Mary at 651.633.1540 x1234. For all the rest of you, please keep the children in your prayers as they grow as Catholics and St. John the Baptist parishioners.

Do you have a child older than 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, who needs to catch up on sacraments? We are here to help with that! The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC)** is available for anyone who needs to catch up on the First Sacraments: Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist. We meet with the parents and child(ren) regularly and prepare the children to receive the sacraments after a few months or preparation. Call Mary at 651.633.1540 x1234 to discuss plans for your family.

**S.O.S. (Summer Of Service)** will be back again this summer. Watch for the dates as the Summer draws closer.



## Extreme Faith Camp 2020 Registration NOW OPEN!

Join other middle school students on a transforming week at EFC! Students will experience games, boating, praise and worship, daily Mass, confession and a powerful time of adoration. Middle school students will also be in small groups lead by high school students.

**High School Leaders: June 20-26, 2020**

**Middle School Students: June 22-26, 2020**

**Big Sandy Camp, McGregor, MN Cost: \$400**

Register Online: please visit <https://bit.ly/2RliEPk>

## "COME, HOLY SPIRIT" High School Retreat

*"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands."*

~ 2 Timothy 1:6

Come be renewed by the Holy Spirit at our high school overnight retreat!

**OPEN TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.** {Required for Confirmation 2 Candidates} February 28-March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020  
Association Retreat Center, Osceola, WI Cost: \$95

## High School Youth Group

Wednesday's in the School Year - 8-9:30pm in the Youth Room! Open to all 9-12<sup>th</sup> Graders!

Join us for games, community, praise and worship and small groups!

## Middle School Youth Group

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month (January 15<sup>th</sup>, February 19<sup>th</sup>, March 25<sup>th</sup>, April 15<sup>th</sup>, May 13<sup>th</sup>)  
6:30-8pm in the Youth Room

**Annual Easter Egg Hunt - Holy Saturday, April 11, 2020** Join us at 10am for a blessing in St. Paul Plaza. The egg hunt will be held outside, weather permitting, so children should dress for the weather and bring a basket. After the hunt, join us for crafts, refreshments, games and photo booth fun!

**Totus Tuus** is returning for an awesome week of growing in your Catholic Faith! The team will be here at St. John's **Sunday - Friday, June 14-19, 2020!** Totus Tuus (Latin for "Totally Yours") is a fun and energetic parish-based summer catechetical program for grade school children during the day one week per summer, with a Junior and Senior High component in the evening. Registration coming soon.

**Save the Date! Vacation Bible School will be June 16, 17 and 18** for children preschool age through Kindergarten. Watch for registration information coming soon!

# Opportunities to Grow and Pray for Adults

## Reach More *Encounter* Small Groups

The time is now! Return to the Lord with all your heart so that you can fully experience the joy of the resurrection this Easter! Take time this Lent to enter more fully into the mystery of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection and what it can mean for our life.

Join dozens of our trained small group leaders and over 100 parishioners as we put together another season of small groups. It's a perfect way to get connected to God and to other people who are on the same journey as you. Discover how the Sunday readings relate to your daily life.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Season of Small Groups will begin Lent 2020. As always, there will be many options of meeting times throughout the week and we will accommodate as many people as we can. Our big sign up weekend will be January 18/19 and small groups will start the week of Ash Wednesday, February 23-29. We will use the six-week booklet called, *Jesus to the Cross A Lenten Guide on the Sunday Mass Readings*. Just like our fall small groups, learn to pray with Scripture and meet the Lord there.

## Mark your calendars ladies...

Our new 2020 season of devoted begins again on February 19<sup>th</sup>! All women of the parish from all walks of life are invited to this gathering of women. Our own Jessica Balzarini will be kicking off our new season with a Talk on God's Generous Love. Come, take a breath, and be filled! Join us for a little wine, a little chocolate and some social time at 7:30 pm, with Introductions at 8:10 pm. Don't forget to share this gift with the women in your life and invite them to come along with you.

## Charismata

Do you prefer the music at our 5:30 pm Mass on Sunday evening? 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 10 at 7:30 pm.

**All Parish Retreat - Encounter Christ - Walk With Him into Lent** - February 21 (evening) and February 22 (daytime) here at St. John's.

Retreat includes opportunities:

- † Be moved by his mercy
- † Experience love, peace, and joy
- † Variety of ways to approach God in prayer
- † Confession and Adoration.

It will be a time to Encounter Jesus more deeply and prepare our hearts to get ready for Lent.

**Circle of Women - Thursdays at 9:15am in room 206. Our next meeting is January 9, 2020.** Join Liz Kelly for *She Held Jesus in Her Palm: Blessed Benedetta Bianchi Porro*. Women of all ages are invited to join us. Brochures are available in the kiosks.

## Save the Date...

Take time to enrich your marriage with a date night for Valentine's day. A great dinner, wine, and inspiring speakers. This year's Cana Dinner will be on February 15<sup>th</sup> and we are bringing in Kathleen and Troy Billings from a rural suburb of Chicago. Kathleen and Troy started from the ground up and currently direct a vibrant, parish-based marriage ministry called BAM – Building Amazing Marriages. They are frequent guest speakers locally and nationally and they are coming to MN to share their wisdom on how to *Stay Engaged in Your Marriage – Date Your Spouse*.

**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. 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>

**Grandparent Ministry - SAVE THE DATE!** St. John's Grandparent Ministry will offer an eight week EWTN video series beginning Tuesday morning, February 4<sup>th</sup>. New guests each week will showcase the importance of grandparents in the faith life of their grandchildren. This is a wonderful opportunity for grandparents to come together to support and empower each other in their grandparent vocation. Registration in January.

**Men's Fellowship - Thursday mornings at 6:30am in St. Joseph Hall** *Come for the donuts, stay for the truth!! Questions, call Dave @ 612-616-4013*



**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 16**, from 6:30-9:00pm in St. Joseph Hall.

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

**Come start out the New Year with us! Gift of Living in the Divine Will Prayer Group.** As put together by Fr. Iannuzzi from The Servant of God – Luisa Piccarreta writings Thursday, January 2 at 7 PM in room 204. Contact Angela Beljeski [abinthedivinewill@gmail.com](mailto:abinthedivinewill@gmail.com) or Deacon Gary Schneider [schneiderg@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:schneiderg@stjohnnyb.org) for more information.



## SJB School News

There's No Place Like



Wines to Wishes 2020

### Save the Date!

Wines to Wishes will be on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. This event is the premiere fundraising event for the school. This year, funds raised will be used to update classroom technology. If you are interested in donating to our event, we are currently looking for the following items: bottles of wine worth \$20 or more, gift cards, tickets to events (sports, theater, etc.), hot toys, outdoor gear, board games, sports apparel, and art supplies. Thank you in advance for your generosity! Items can be dropped off at the Welcome Desk or the School Office. Please mark with Wines to Wishes. Contact Michelle Barsness [barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org) with any questions.

Interested in learning more about the event or registering to attend?

Visit [www.winestowishes.com](http://www.winestowishes.com) for more information

### Are you...

- ✓ An Alumni of St. John's
- ✓ A Parent of an Alumni
- ✓ A Grandparent of an Alumni
- ✓ A Friend of St. John's

If you picked yes to any of these, we would love to stay connected to you! Please fill out our Google form (<http://stjohnnyb.org/about/alumni-and-friends-of-st-johns/>) with your contact information so that we can add you to our mailing list! We hope to share information about upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and exciting happenings at St. John's.

## Pizza Fundraiser - 8th Grade Washington DC trip

Orders (including payment) are due by January 6, 2020

Order Pick-up: Thursday, January 23, 2020 from 2:30-4:00pm in the School Cafeteria



Order forms can be found at the Welcome Desk

Or visit <https://bit.ly/2M9sQgc>

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29 - 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35 - 42

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



### Good "Worship" Question

#### What is the season of Christmas?

The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (this year the Baptism of the Lord falls on January 12). During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts, and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Wishing all **God's blessings** for the New Year! The Parish Library will be open this weekend. **NEW:** Starting Sunday, January 6 the SJB Library will be open after the 5:30pm Sunday Mass. **Needed:** one more volunteer to help out with the Sunday evening Library.

The library is located across from the Archive case and is open after ALL weekend Masses. Any questions, call Jeannie Kratzer @ 651-636-8928.

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### Totus Tuus Team Missionary - Application deadline is Friday, February 3, 2020.

Is God calling you to serve as a Totus Tuus Team Missionary in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis this summer? We need men and women age 18-26 committed to their Catholic faith who feel called to share it with youth (grades 1-12) in local parishes, May 29-July 28, 2020. Missionaries will receive \$2,520 for their service. To apply visit [www.archspm.org/totustuus](http://www.archspm.org/totustuus) or contact Nancy Schulte Palacheck at 651-291-4489 or [schulten@archspm.org](mailto:schulten@archspm.org) for additional information.

### January 31: Pro-Life Memorial Mass

Wish you could attend the March for Life in Washington, D.C.? Many of us are unable to go, but we don't need to travel far to pray for an end to abortion. Join PROLIFE Across AMERICA on Friday January 31 at 6:00 p.m. for a Memorial Mass, commemorating the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision (Rose v. Wade) that legalized abortion. Father Thomas Dufner will celebrate Mass at St. Charles Borromeo Church. A social hour with refreshments and snacks will follow. Please join us as we pray and re-commit ourselves to promoting life and ending abortion.

# ***Christmas Flower Memorials***

## ***From***

*Marge Gust Myrick  
Grand Kids Zachary, Aislinn, Brooklyn  
Dorothy Wesen  
Wife, Barbara Hinrichs  
Marilyn Jindra  
Nancy Scovil  
Sue Rimarcik  
Brennan Family  
Perrin Daughters & Richard  
Mark Hammer  
Mary Battmer  
Eileen Studt  
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Roslik  
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Wanda Anderson  
Juanita Zamor  
Al & Sharon Westberg  
Darrell & Kathy Stonina  
Gene & Kathleen Delaune  
Roy & Margaret Hanson  
Nick & Sadie Gulenchyn  
DuWayne & Jeanne Kroll  
Rodney & Judy Harris  
Richard Sullivan Family*

## ***From***

*Leo & Pat Schluender  
Mary Karls*

## ***From***

*Bernard & Mary Ann Musielewicz  
Paul Walker & Paula Cordero  
Weirens Family  
John & Evelyn Barlinger  
Leo & Rita Frank  
Jean Turcotte  
Emma Augustine  
Paul & Mary Anne Gruetzman  
Bernice Daas & Family  
John & Janet Riedle  
Lois Hoium  
Deacon Rod & Susan Amos Palmer  
Carl Hosler*

## ***From***

*James & Jeanne Smith  
Michael & Michelle Hunger*

*\*Please note this list is current at the time of printing.  
Check future bulletins for additional memorials.\**

## ***In Memory Of***

*Deceased Family Members  
George Cellette, Sr.  
Donald - Michael - Mark Wesen  
Husband, Robert Hinrichs  
Donald Jindra  
Richard Scovil, Linda Profant  
James Rimarcik  
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Roger & Victoria Perrin  
Julie Hammer  
John Battmer  
Bernie Studt  
Michael, Mary & Barbara Cecko  
John, Mary & Kaz Roslik  
Doug Belrichard  
Earl Anderson  
Kyran Zamor, Steve & Louise Leier, Paul & Betty Zamor  
Earle & Mary Holmberg  
Frank & Marion Stonina  
Delaune/Watermeier Families  
Jerry Frischmon  
Charles & Victoria Walczak, Nick Gulenchyn & Millie Caples  
Our Beloved Parents  
George & Eleanor Indykiewicz, Melvin & Bernadine Harris  
Mary Jane Sullivan*

## ***In Honor Of***

*Ken & Jean Ehling  
Bev & Carl Stampfle*

## ***In Memory/Honor Of***

*Musielewicz/Czech Families  
Barbara Anne Walker  
Alois Weirens  
All Souls in Purgatory  
Anthony B & Violet M James & Sophia & Harold Frank  
George, Leo, Bill, Jim, Jan Turcotte, & Nancy Beggin  
Tom Augustine  
Cy, Char, & Rick Ess  
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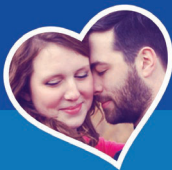
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