

St John^{the} Baptist

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

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2020-21 Guide Book & Directory
United in the Holy Spirit



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2020-2021: United in the Holy Spirit

Dear parishioners and friends of Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church and School,

In the Scriptures, God tells us we are made in his image. Who is God? He is Trinity, that is a unity of three persons. We are called to participate in that unity through our relationship with the Catholic Church. Last year, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and School focused on “Inviting In”. We want people to live in relationship with Lord through being engaged in our parish life. Everyone was invited in to pray, grow and invest as we sought to live out our core values. Even though as we grew as a parish, we faced new challenges with the onset of the pandemic. We began live streaming Masses and other online ministry to nourish our parishioners spiritually. Despite our physical separation, whether we are social distancing or worshipping from home, we are united in God.

This year our theme is “United in the Holy Spirit.” We will focus on who the Holy Spirit is and reflect on how he strengthens us as we live out the core values. The Holy Spirit fortifies our hearts with God’s grace when we rely on him in prayer. The Holy Spirit purifies our mind as we grow in holiness. The Holy Spirit shines through us as we generously cooperate with his plan for our salvation. With the assistance of the Holy Spirit, we will live out the core values and more fully live out our mission.

Bearing witness to Jesus Christ who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life: GO. MAKE. TEACH.

There is an uncertainty about the future. Yet we must always remember that “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.” May the Holy Spirit enlighten our minds to truly believe that statement so that we can live confidently leaning on God as our Father and protector.

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

Fr. Paul Shovelain

Father Paul Shovelain



Mission Statement

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Vision Statement

We strive to be a community of disciples. We live a sacramental life centered in the Eucharist that is marked by prayer, generosity, ongoing formation, and spreading the Gospel.

Our Core Values

We foster a culture that affirms these core values:

1. a reliance on prayer
2. a willingness to grow
3. a generous spirit

Our strategic anchors in living out these core values are:

1. Creating an inviting environment
2. Providing vast formation opportunities
3. Exercising a generous outreach

Our strategic anchors provide opportunities for us to invite each other:

To pray

- Active participation at Sunday Mass
- Commitment to communal prayer and daily personal prayer
- Growing in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit

To grow

- Developing our personal qualities and characteristics
- Developing our understanding and appreciation of our Catholic Faith, rooted in the Word of God and living Tradition of the Church
- Cultivating the knowledge, attitudes and skills necessary to share Christ's love effectively in ministry

To invest

- Sharing the lifesaving message of Jesus Christ with others
- Sharing our gifts with one another, our parish, and the broader community
- Building meaningful relationships with others

Worship Times

Monday-Friday	Mass at 8:30am (Rosary at 8:00am)
Wednesday Evening	Mass at 5:30pm
Saturday	Vigil Mass at 4:30pm
Sunday	Mass 8:30am, 10:30am & 5:30pm

Summer Sunday (Memorial Day thru Labor Day)
Mass Schedule 8:30am, 10:30am & 6:15pm

Confessions

Monday-Friday	8:00am-8:20am
Wednesday	5:00pm-5:20pm
Saturday	3:30pm-4:15pm
Sunday	5:00pm-5:20pm (<i>Summer 5:45-6:05pm</i>)

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday	8:00am-8:00pm
Friday	8:00am-7:00pm
Saturday	9:00am-5:30pm
Sunday	8:00am-1:00pm

Staff

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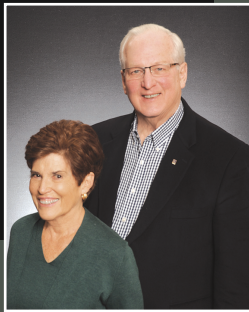
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Event Calendar 2020-21

Sunday, Nov. 1	Feast of All Saints (Regular Weekend Schedule)
Monday, Nov. 2	Feast of All Souls (Mass at 8:30am)
November 26	Thanksgiving Mass at 9:00am (Campus Closed on Thanksgiving & Friday, 11/27 after Mass)
November 29	Advent begins
Tuesday, Dec. 8	Feast of Immaculate Conception Masses 6:30am, 8:30am & 7:00pm
December 20	Advent Communal Reconciliation (Form II) 3:30pm
Thursday, Dec. 24	Half Day for Staff
Thursday, Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 10:30pm
Friday, Dec. 25	Christmas Day Festival Eucharist 8:30am, 10:30am
Friday, Dec. 25	Offices closed (Christmas Holiday)
December 27	Feast of the Holy Family
Thursday, Dec. 31	Half Day for Staff
Thursday, Dec. 31	Vigil Mass for Feast of Mary Mother of God Monday, at 4:30pm
Friday, Jan. 1	Feast of Mary, Mother of God (Mass at 10:00am; Vigil Mass Thursday, 12/31 at 4:30pm)
Friday, Jan. 1	Campus closed after Mass (New Year's Day Holiday)
January 3	Feast of the Epiphany (Regular Weekend Schedule)
January 10	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Regular Weekend Schedule)
January 20	MLK, Jr Day-Campus Closed after Morning Mass
February 6	Wine to Wishes School Fundraiser
February 17	Ash Wednesday Masses: 8:30am, 5:30pm, 7:00pm, Word/Ashes at 6:30am, Noon
March 15-19	Spring Break (School)
March 28	Palm Sunday
March 28	Lent Communal Reconciliation (Form II) 3:30pm
March 29-April 3	Holy Week (No Meetings)
April 1	Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 pm Adoration in the Chapel 9:00pm-Midnight
April 2	Good Friday - Stations of the Cross Noon; Solemn Liturgy 3:00pm; Tenebrae 8:00pm
April 3	Holy Saturday Blessing of the Easter Food at Noon
April 3	The Great Easter Vigil 8:00pm
April 4	Easter Sunday: Masses at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30am
May 16	Ascension
May 23	Pentecost
May 31	Memorial Day (Campus Closed after Mass)

*This Calendar does not include many of St. John's traditional events.
The pandemic has made planning for these events difficult to predict.
Please check the website or bulletin for the most up to date information.
All dates and times are subject to change.*

Call us for Results!



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Ministry Directory

Due to the unpredictable nature of the pandemic, many of St. John's groups and activities are on hiatus or meeting virtually. Please contact the staff liaison for the most current information on these volunteer opportunities.

How would you like to get involved at St. John's? We invite you to share your time and talent by participating in a ministry or activity in our parish. What are your gifts? What talents do you want to share with others? Please review the volunteer opportunities and prayerfully consider sharing your gifts with the parish community.

Pastoral Leadership Council

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Description: The Pastoral Leadership Council (PLC) is based on a servant leadership model that provides an opportunity for parishioners to share their time and talents with our parish. Parishioners can serve as commission members on one of the eight commissions that support our parish. One member from each commission participates as a representative on the PLC.

Three At-Large PLC members that are chosen by the Pastor along with the PLC representatives provide support and feedback to the Pastor at PLC meetings.

The overall structure of this model allows for greater participation by parishioners in their parish and a more informed parish leadership group. It creates the opportunity for all parish commission members and leaders to pray together for the people of St. John's and the opportunity for more persons to become involved and active in other St. John's ministries.

Monthly commission meetings incorporate a simple meal followed by prayer before the Commission meetings and PLC meeting. The Commissions and the Pastoral Leadership Council work in partnership with staff to develop the vision, policies and programs that support our Parish mission.

Please contact the parish office for more information.
(651) 633-8333 or stjohnsnb@pclink.com

Cemetery Committee

Description: Members meet several times a year to review overall operations, recommend pricing for cemetery plots, and update policies and brochures.

Contact: Mark Dittman (651) 633-8333 ext. 1215 or dittmanm@stjohnnyb.org

Administrative Services Commission

Committees, Ministries and Activities

Administrative Services Commission

Description: It is the mission of the Administrative Services Commission to collaborate with parish staff to create a sacred place where all are welcome. This will extend to the physical plant and all properties owned by the parish. The commission will create a safe, secure, and welcoming environment that supports all our parish ministries.

Contact: Patrick Hinnenkamp (651) 633-8333 ext. 1203 or hinnenkamp@stjohnnyb.org

Discipleship and Mission Commission

Committees, Ministries and Activities

Discipleship and Mission Commission

Description: The mission of the Discipleship and Mission Commission is advisory, to aid ministry leaders in the development and growth of the evangelical and catechetical endeavors of parish life. Inspiring and leading all at St. John's to become intentional disciples of Jesus Christ through evangelization and faith formation within the heart of the Catholic Church.

Contact: Jessica Balzarini (651) 633-1540 ext. 1228 or balzarinij@stjohnnyb.org

Discipleship Opportunities for Families

Nursery

Description: Guardian Angels Nursery is open to children ages 1-3 during both the 8:30 and 10:30am Sunday Masses. The nursery is staffed by a paid nursery supervisor with volunteers assisting during each Mass. Volunteer sign-ups are available with the nursery supervisor on Sunday mornings.

Contact: Jen Livermont (651) 633-1540 ext. 1219 or livermontj@stjohnnyb.org

Sunday School

Description: Children, ages three to kindergarten, meet during the 8:30 and 10:30 am Sunday Masses. The coordinator is responsible for reading the Bible Story, teaching the lesson, and leading the song. Teachers are needed to lead the classroom time and craft based upon the provided lesson plan for the week.

Commitment: Sunday School meets from October through April. Teachers can sign up to teach every week or every other week.

Contact: Jen Livermont (651) 633-1540 ext. 1219 or livermontj@stjohnnyb.org

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Description: This program is free to all children in 1st through 4th grade. Children are dismissed from Sunday Mass after the opening prayer to hear the Word of the Lord with a homily at an age appropriate level and to learn how to participate in the Liturgy

Commitment: Volunteer to help with children or to sub as leader occasionally.

Contact: Jen Livermont (651) 633-1540 ext. 1219 or livermontj@stjohnnyb.org

Childcare for Events

Description: Childcare is offered for limited parish functions to enable parents to attend formation, meetings, etc. It is open to children of all ages on a first come first served basis. Sign-ups for events and ministries will come out with registration. Childcare is staffed by a paid childcare supervisor with volunteers assisting during each event or activity. Volunteer sign-ups are available by contacting Jen Livermont, Childcare Coordinator.

Contact: Jen Livermont (651) 633-1540 ext. 1219 or livermontj@stjohnnyb.org

Family Formation

Description: This is a program for families and their children preschool through to 7th grade. On the first Wednesday of the month each family will gather at church for Faith Formation. While the children attend a classroom session with their catechists, and 7th graders meet with Mikayla in the Youth Room, parents will first hear a presentation at their level and then receive materials and guidance to teach their children throughout the next three weeks of the month at home. Family Formation is designed for parents to pass on the Faith to their children as well as grow in their own understanding of the Catholic Faith.

Commitment: Catechists are committed to teaching on the first Wednesday of each month and to attend a catechist training on another Wednesday of each month. Catechists are called to uphold the teachings of the Catholic Church and engage the students as they teach.

Contact: Jen Livermont (651) 633-1540 ext. 1219 or livermontj@stjohnnyb.org

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Description: These sacraments are normally celebrated in the 2nd grade. Children are prepared by the parents, who are equipped through parent meetings and materials. Parents and children learn through lessons at home as well as coming to a few events for them at church – kickoffs, retreats, and practices.

Commitment: Volunteers are needed for First Reconciliation Retreat, First Eucharist Retreat, and some prep work for each. Time commitment is approximately 6 hours each retreat.

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Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC)

Description: A family-based class geared for 3rd-7th grade students who did not receive one or more sacraments (Baptism, Reconciliation, and Eucharist). The student and parent will attend Mass and weekly class 9:30am-10:30am on Sundays to prepare for the sacraments. Sacraments will be celebrated on dates decided upon by the families involved.

Contact: Jessica Balzarini (651) 633-1540 ext. 1228 or balzarinij@stjohnnyb.org

Sunday Funday

Description: A great opportunity for families to get to know each other and their priests. This is a once a month event at St. John's on Sunday afternoons that includes a potluck meal, games for the kids, and a family rosary.

Contact: Fr. Paul Shovelain (651) 633-8333 ext. 1214 or frshovelain@stjohnnyb.org

Summer Discipleship Opportunities
for Families

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Description: Three days of fun, faith, and fellowship for the little ones. We follow our own faith theme and create the activities for each day. Watch the bulletin for this summer's dates.

Commitment: Team plans and executes the lessons, games, and activities of the week. Planning requires three to four meetings and prep work, VBS itself is three days - Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday - 9:00am-12:00pm. Help with lessons, music, games, water activities, skits and all is open to teens through adult volunteers.

Contact: Jen Livermont (651) 633-1540 ext. 1219 or livermontj@stjohnnyb.org

Summer of Service (SOS)

Description: SOS offers local service opportunities for all parishioners: families, singles, youngest to eldest and everything in between. Come when you can to help however you can. We will offer opportunities for local outreach to the community in several different ways – packing snacks, visiting the elderly, donating to food shelves, or joining in prayer. A service project will be offered each week and you can sign up to join us for whichever ones you choose. Come and join us each week!

Commitment: To sign up and follow through on each service project you choose to do.

Contact: Jen Livermont (651) 633-1540 ext. 1219 or livermontj@stjohnnyb.org

Totus Tuus

Description: Named after St. Pope John Paul's papal motto, "Totally Yours," referring to Mother Mary, this program teaches children, grades 1-6, much about the Church. The young adult team puts prayer and catechesis into active learning along with games and songs. The children cannot wait to share what they learn, and they cannot wait to return for the next day's activities!

Commitment: Classroom helpers are needed for the week, 9:00am-2:30pm as well as host families for food and lodging for the 4-person team. Host the team for the week or host one meal for them during the week. Help big or small is so appreciated!

Contact: Jessica Balzarini (651) 633-1540 ext. 1228 or balzarinij@stjohnnyb.org

Discipleship Opportunities for Youth Grades 6-12**Senior High Youth Ministry – Wednesday Nights during the School Year 8:00-9:30pm**

Description: Join us Wednesday Nights during the school year from 8:00-9:30pm in the youth room for Senior High Youth Group! SHYG will include games, praise, and worship, talks, small groups and overall fellowship. Our goal is to create a community of young disciples living counter-cultural bearing witness to the Gospel of our Lord.

Contact: Mikayla Anderson (651) 633-1540 ext. 1218 or andersonm@stjohnnyb.org

Middle School Youth Ministry – 3rd Wednesday of the Month during the School Year 6:30-8:00pm and 1st Friday of the Month 7:00-9:00pm

Description: Middle School Youth Group will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 6:30-8:00pm and 1st Friday of the Month 7:00-9:00pm and is open to all middle school students grades 6-8. This high energy program will allow students to be free in Christ, and worship Jesus, and of course have fun with games and fellowship.

Contact: Mikayla Anderson (651) 633-1540 ext. 1218 or andersonm@stjohnnyb.org

Confirmation

Confirmation at St. John the Baptist is a 1-year program that typically begins in 9th grade. It is open to all high school students who desire to receive the sacrament. Candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring.

Students are put into small groups and meet weekly on Sunday evenings after the 5:30pm Mass. General teaching will be together as a large group, and break into small groups. Other commitments include a weekend retreat and service within the community.

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Confirmation Small Group Leader

Description: Consider becoming a Confirmation small group leader to help our youth fall deeper in love with Jesus Christ. Commitments include leading a weekly small group on Sunday evenings aligning with the Confirmation Schedule. Small groups will be gender specific and around 6-7 people per group.

Contact: Mikayla Anderson (651) 633-1540 ext. 1218 or andersonnm@stjohnnyb.org

Extreme Faith Camp (Middle School)

Description: Extreme Faith Camp is one of the many summer activities that SJB offers. EFC includes boating, water slides, mountain boarding, archery, wacky Olympics, and many other fun games. While these are all wonderful, the BEST part of EFC is growing in relationship with Jesus Christ through Mass, small groups, talks, prayer, Reconciliation, praise and worship and Adoration.

Middle School students, grades 6-8 will be campers and participate in all activities.

Prayer Team is for mainly 9th grade students and a prerequisite to Extreme Team. Many students say prayer team is their favorite year. They spend most of their time in front of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Extreme Team is made up of 10th-12th grade students who have previously been on Prayer Team. Extreme Team leads small groups of middle school students as well as growing deeper in their faith through service.

Contact: Mikayla Anderson (651) 633-1540 ext. 1218 or andersonnm@stjohnnyb.org

Summer Mission

Description: Each summer SJB takes high school students on some sort of mission experience, examples include Green Bay, WI, Montana, or a Steubenville Conference. Be on the lookout for more information in January 2021.

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Totus Tuus ~ "Totally Yours"

Description: Named after St. Pope John Paul's papal motto, "Totally Yours" referring to Mother Mary, this program teaches teen, grades 7-12 about a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The trained team of young adults puts prayer and catechesis into active learning along with games and songs during the evenings of VBS week.

Contact: Mikayla Anderson (651) 633-1540 ext. 1218 or andersonnm@stjohnnyb.org

Discipleship Opportunities for Adults

Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute

Description: The Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute is an ongoing formation resource for Catholic adults of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis who wish to deepen their knowledge of the Catholic faith and further their spiritual formation. Classes held at the St. Paul Seminary. Contact the parish office for more information (651) 633-8333 or stjohsnb@pclink.com or Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute (651) 962-6890 or see the website www.stthomas.edu/spssod/continuing/catecheticalinstitute/default.html

Catholic Watchmen

Description: A movement that is Archdiocesan wide, seeking to engage all men of the parish. They meet once a month in the evening for food, fellowship, video presentation, discussion, and prayer. This initiative seeks to help men fulfill their God given vocation and helps them to protect and provide for their families spiritually.

Contact: Fr. Paul Shovelain (651) 633-8333 ext. 1214 or frshovelain@stjohnnyb.org

Charismata

Description: An Archdiocesan Evangelization and Prayer ministry occurring once per month at St. John the Baptist. The monthly meetings will provide praise and worship, a brief sharing/testimony of faith, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and intercessory prayer team ministry to all who come from around our area.

Contact: Jessica Balzarini (651) 633-1540 ext. 1228 or balzarinij@stjohnnyb.org

Circle of Women

Description: Women of all ages are invited to come to the Circle and share their stories and lives so that we can journey together with God. We encourage and support one another through prayer, inspirational and informative speakers, worship, small group gatherings and social outreach.

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Devoted

Description: A monthly gathering for women offered in the evenings. A time to take a breath, do something for you and be filled. Come; be encouraged and inspired through wine, chocolate, dynamic speakers, and prayer.

Contact: Jessica Balzarini (651) 633-1540 ext. 1228 or balzarinij@stjohnnyb.org

Encounter Small Groups

Description: Life is all about relationships. Small groups deepen our relationships with Jesus and one another. Parishioners have been trained to facilitate lively group conversations. These small groups are perfect to meet other like-minded people, reflect on God's Word and apply it to daily life, seek God together and pray for and with one another. Small Groups are offered in the fall and Lent.

Contact: Jessica Balzarini (651) 633-1540 ext. 1228 or balzarinij@stjohnnyb.org

Hospitality after Mass

Description: Coffee ministers are needed to provide refreshments after all weekend Masses, holy days, and holidays. Trained leaders make coffee and oversee each Mass time.

Contact: Parish Office (651) 633-8333 or stjohsnb@pclink.com

Lighthouse Media

Description: Lighthouse Catholic Media provides practical and effective parish and personal programs to help Catholics know and keep their faith. CD's and brochures are available in the rack near the coat room.

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Marriage in Christ

Description: The Marriage in Christ Seminar: Friendship with God, Friendship with Our Spouse, In the Holy Spirit - is a five-week seminar is for couples who desire to strengthen their marriage, who want to establish good patterns of prayer & friendship. It is a great opportunity to help those who desire to begin their marriage with good tools and for couples facing times of transition, like having children, the empty nest, or retirement. The Marriage in Christ seminar invites couples to renew their love and affection for each other and for the Lord, to deepen their unity as a couple and to celebrate the presence of God in ordinary life. God Our Father desires to renew marriage through the power of the Holy Spirit. Let Him begin with yours!

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Men's Fellowship

Description: A group of men who desire to be obedient to the will of God and answer His call for our lives. The group gathers on Thursday mornings in Christ's presence to discuss our lives in the light of our Catholic faith and to share our faith and experiences through friendship, prayer, study, and fraternity.

Contact: Fr. Paul Shovelain (651) 633-8333 ext. 1214 or frshovelain@stjohnnyb.org

Sunday Scripture Study

Description: Study Scripture readings on Tuesday morning after Mass for the following Sunday.

Contact: Jodie Wolla (651) 633-1540 ext. 1211 or wollaj@stjohnnyb.org

Becoming Catholic the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Description: A welcoming and open environment that provides a safe place to ask the difficult questions. Through formation, teaching, and prayer we come to understand what Catholics believe, know why we believe it, how we to celebrate it through sacrament and prayer as well as how live it out in everyday life. There is no pressure to become Catholic but will be asked throughout the process to make some decisions about moving forward in the process. It is the pastoral, liturgical, and catechetical process for initiating new members into the Catholic Church.

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RCIA Team Members and Sponsors

Description: Adult volunteers who journey with potential candidates through the process of becoming Catholic. Some team members will sponsor the candidate, some will aid in facilitating the sessions, some will help with hospitality, and some will lead small groups.

Contact: Jessica Balzarini (651) 633-1540 ext. 1228 or balzarinij@stjohnnyb.org

Welcome Committee

Description: Welcome new parishioners during Newcomer Registration the second Sunday of each month.

Contact: Parish Office for more information (651) 633-8333 or stjohsnb@pclink.com

Sacramental Preparation Programs**Baptism Preparation Class (for families with children infant through age 6)**

Description: A required session for parents as they ready themselves to present their child for the Sacrament of Baptism. It will include an understanding of the Sacrament of Baptism, the baptismal rite, and encouragement on how to live out the responsibility to raise this child in the Catholic Faith. The class is held monthly on a Monday evening and Baptisms are the first Sunday of each month.

Contact: Jessica Balzarini (651) 633-1540 ext. 1228 or balzarinij@stjohnnyb.org

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Description: These sacraments are normally celebrated in the 2nd grade. Children are prepared by the parents, who are equipped through parent meetings and materials. Parents and children learn through lessons at home as well as coming to a few events for them at church – kickoffs, retreats, and practices.

Commitment: Volunteers are needed for First Reconciliation Retreat, First Eucharist Retreat, and some prep work for each. Time commitment is approximately 6 hours each retreat.

Contact: Jessica Balzarini (651) 633-1540 ext. 1228 or balzarinij@stjohnnyb.org

Confirmation

Confirmation at St. John the Baptist is a 1-year program that typically begins in 9th grade. It is open to all high school students who desire to receive the sacrament. Candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring.

Students are put into small groups and meet weekly on Sunday evenings after the 5:30pm Mass. General teaching will be together as a large group, and break into small groups. Other commitments include a weekend retreat and service within the community.

Contact: Mikayla Anderson (651) 633-1540 ext. 1218 or andersonm@stjohnnyb.org

Confirmation Small Group Leader

Description: Consider becoming a Confirmation small group leader to help our youth fall deeper in love with Jesus Christ. Commitments include leading a weekly small group on Sunday evenings aligning with the Confirmation Schedule. Small groups will be gender specific and around 6-7 people per group.

Contact: Mikayla Anderson (651) 633-1540 ext. 1218 or andersonm@stjohnnyb.org

Marriage Preparation Couples

Description: Married couples work with engaged couples as they prepare for marriage; training is provided.

Contact the parish office for more information (651) 633-8333 or stjohsnb@pclink.com

Finance Commission**Finance Commission**

Description: Develop an operating budget for each fiscal year, and oversee the capital budget, expenditures, and parish campaigns.

Contact: Mark Dittman (651) 633-8333 ext. 1215 or dittmanm@stjohnnyb.org

Parish Development Commission Committees,
Ministries and Activities

Parish Development Commission

Description: The purpose of the Parish Development Commission is to seek funding for St. John the Baptist programs and capital projects. The commission obtains funding for the needs of the parish by informing parishioners and businesses about the needs of St. John the Baptist Church. In addition, the members work to inform parishioners and friends of the parish of ways in which they can leave a legacy and become part of St. John's newly established Legacy Society, which seeks funding through planned giving and bequests. The Development Commission works in collaboration with other parish commissions and staff when seeking funding, particularly to assist with projects in the parish.

Contact: Mark Dittman (651) 633-8333 ext. 1215 or dittmanm@stjohnnyb.org

Fifty-Year Club

Description: More than 50 years ago, the parishioners of Saint John the Baptist celebrated the first Masses in our "new" church. As part of our 50 Year Celebration in 2018-2019, we launched a Fifty-Year Club to recognize parishioners who have been members of the parish for fifty years or more. More than 200 individuals and married couples who were members of the parish in 1968 or earlier joined to become Charter Members

Contact: Mark Dittman (651) 633-8333 ext. 1215 or dittmanm@stjohnnyb.org

Parish Groups and Activities Commission
Committees, Ministries and Activities

Parish Groups & Activities Commission

Description: It is the mission of the Parish Groups and Activities Commission to serve the Parish's ministries in their work to enrich and deepen parishioners' relationship with God and one another.

Contact: Rita Arndorfer (651) 633-8333 ext. 1220 or arndorferr@stjohnnyb.org

African American Group

Description: This group was founded by African immigrants, for African immigrants. To welcome them, to help them feel connected in the parish and to serve in whatever ways the group can offer. In the past, they have served hospitality after weekend Masses, including some of their cultural dishes; participated in outreach projects, have started "family comes together" events in their homes and have encouraged their members to participate in the parish at all levels. They meet every other Sunday after 10:30am Mass.

Contact: George Awah (651) 278-3390 or Esther Oweridu (651) 328-7913

Boy Scouts of America

Description: Troop 93's purpose is to build character in young men through a fun, rigorous program which includes camping, skill building, and rank advancement.

Contact: Parish Office for more information (651) 633-8333 or stjohnsnb@pclink.com

Council of Catholic Women

Description: A spiritual and service organization devoted to Our Blessed Mother and the Holy Rosary.

Contact: Parish Office for more information (651) 633-8333 or stjohnsnb@pclink.com

Dinners - Turkey, Italian, and SJB Feast Day

Description: These large parish-wide dinners are held once a year and workers are recruited before each event by announcement.

Contact: Parish Office for more information (651) 633-8333 or stjohnsnb@pclink.com

FallFest Committee

Description: Help organize the Parish's largest annual fundraiser, which is held during a weekend in September. Subcommittee members are also needed. Weekend workers are recruited in late August and early September. Commitments range from minimal to moderate, but everyone is needed!

Contact: Mark Dittman (651) 633-8333 ext. 1215 or dittmanm@stjohnnyb.org

Funeral Luncheon Committee

Description: Help provide luncheons after funerals by preparing and serving food, working at the luncheon, or by donating food.

Contact: Parish Office (651) 633-8333 or stjohnsnb@pclink.com

Garden and Indoor Plant Club

Description: Care for indoor plants in the building year-round and help plant and care for outdoor gardens during the warm weather.

Contact: Bonnie Haik (651) 633-8333 ext. 1210 or haikb@stjohnnyb.org

Girl Scouts of America

Description: Girl scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

Contact: Parish Office (651) 633-8333 or stjohnsnb@pclink.com

Grandparents Ministry

Description: The Catholic Grandparent Ministry invites grandparents to grow deeper in prayer for their children and grandchildren and to be authentic witnesses of Jesus. God's plan for grandparents calls them to help their families become disciples of Jesus Christ.

Contact: Teri Shea (651) 633-8333 ext. 1237 or sheat@stjohnnyb.org

Knights of Columbus

Description: An organization committed to unity as a Catholic lay organization, charity to those in need, and fraternity with fellow knights.

Contact: Parish Office (651) 633-8333 or stjohnsnb@pclink.com

Legion of Mary

Description: The Legion of Mary is an association of practicing Catholic men and women who, with the sanction of the church under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of all Graces, have formed themselves into a legion for service, in proclaiming the beautiful truths of the Catholic faith, to promote the Church's work and to wage warfare against evil powers in the world.

Contact: Parish Office (651) 633-8333 or stjohnsnb@pclink.com

Lenten Soup Suppers

Description: Held on Lenten Fridays, the supper is prepared and served by ministry groups or individual families. Freewill offering is given to charity.

Contact: Parish Office (651) 633-8333 or stjohnsnb@pclink.com

Library Committee

Description: Volunteers are needed to collect and catalog materials for the parish library as well as assist visitors to the library on Sundays after Mass. Training provided.

Contact: Parish Office (651) 633-8333 or stjohsnb@pclink.com

Living the Divine Will Prayer Groups

Description: This prayer group prays and reflects on "Living in the Divine Will" as given to Blessed Luisa Peccarreta by the Lord over many years of her life. The prayer groups meet monthly on the first Thursday evening of each month to follow a set prayer structure along with reflections on Blessed Luisa's writings.

Contact: Deacon Gary Schneider (651) 633-8333 or stjohsnb@pclink.com

Parish Photographers

Description: Parishioners, trained in the policies of the parish, take photos at parish events for use in the bulletin and on the parish website.

Contact: Bonnie Haik (651) 633-8333 ext. 1210 or haikb@stjohnnyb.org

Quilters Group

Description: Make quilts for donation to charitable organizations. Require no previous skills or experience. Gather on the second Thursday and the fourth Friday of each month. Open to everyone!

Contact: Mary Kohlhaas (651) 633-8333 ext. 1229 or kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org

Welcome Desk

Description: Staff the Reception Desk in St. Paul Plaza. Duties: answering phones, welcoming, and directing guests. Regulars and subs needed; will train.

Contact: Teri Shea (651) 633-8333 ext. 1237 or sheat@stjohnnyb.org

Pastoral Outreach Commission Committees,
Ministries and Activities

Pastoral Outreach Commission

Description: Our mission is to engage the Parish community in the mission of the Church and continue the work of Christ in caring for those in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual care.

Contact: Fr. Paul Shovelain (651) 633-8333 ext. 1214 or frshovelain@stjohnnyb.org

Angel Tree

Description: This is our holiday giving ministry. Parishioners are needed not only to donate gifts, but also to deliver the presents to Ralph Reeder Center.

Contact: Lee Tremml (651) 633-8333 ext. 1212 or tremll@stjohnnyb.org

Befriender Ministry

Description: The role of a Befriender is to be a companion on the journey, through listening, presence, and compassion. Befrienders are companions to parishioners in times of transition, stress, illness, and loss.

Contact: Susan Amos Palmer (651) 633-8333 ext. 1298

Branch III

Description: Provide hot lunches at the Catholic Charities Drop-in Center in Minneapolis on the first and second Tuesday of each month.

Contact: Deacon Gary Schneider (651) 633-8333 ext. 1288

Families Moving Forward

Description: St. John's provides shelter for one week, two times per year, for families who are currently without homes. Sixty to seventy volunteers are needed each week for a variety of ministry positions.

Contact: Teri Shea (651) 633-8333 ext. 1237 or sheat@stjohnnyb.org

Growing Through Loss

Description: Growing Through Loss is a grief ministry program, which is held twice a year at various churches in the area. The meetings have a speaker on a specific grief topic and break into small groups for discussion. Come for one class or the whole series.

Contact: Susan Amos Palmer (651) 633-8333 ext. 1298

Hospital Eucharistic Ministers

Description: Bring Eucharist to Catholic patients at Unity and St. John's Hospitals in St. Paul once a month.

Contact: Mary Kohlhaas (651) 633-8333 ext. 1229 or kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org

Meals on Wheels

Description: Deliver meals once a month on either a Monday or Friday at 10:45 out of the Northeast Youth & Family Services building in Shoreview.

Contact: Mary Justin (612) 845-1838 or maryjustin@msn.com

Maternity Closet

Description: Provides maternity and children's clothing through age two. Maternity Closet volunteers can also provide other resources through pregnancy and after the birth of a baby. To volunteer, donate items or get more information contact Mary Kohlhaas (651) 633-1540 ext. 1234 or kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org

To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-221-8211.

Nursing Home Ministry

Description: Provide weekly Word/Communion services to Catholic residents in local healthcare centers. (Flexible schedule!)

Contact: Mary Kohlhaas (651) 633-8333 ext. 1229 or kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org

Prayer Letter

Description: Over 150 Prayer Ministers call on the power of Community Prayer for unity, peace, and special intentions. Join them from home.

Contact: Deacon Gary Schneider Please call the Parish Office (651) 633-8333 or stjohsnb@pclink.com

Prayer Line

Description: Prayer requests are gathered by phone and passed on to our Prayer Line Ministers. There is also an emergency line, and requests remain confidential.

Contact: Teri Shea (651) 633-8333 ext. 1237 or sheat@stjohnnyb.org

Respect Life Committee

Description: A mission to implement the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities and in so doing to be a people of life and a people for life. We meet regularly once a month and attempt to impact life issues wherever we can.

Contact: Parish Office for more information (651) 633-8333 or stjohsnb@pclink.com



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St. John's Food Shelf

Description: Assist those needing to use our food shelf which is open three mornings a week.

Contact: Deacon Rod Palmer (651) 633-8333 ext. 1298 or deaconrod@hotmail.com

St. Vincent De Paul Society

Description: Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (or "Vincentians") are men and women who strive to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to individuals in need. Assistance is provided to members in the community in financial need due to unexpected life circumstances.

Contact: Deacon Rod Palmer (651) 633-8333 ext. 1298 or deaconrod@hotmail.com

Sharing and Caring Hands

Description: Volunteers from St. John's purchase, prepare and serve approximately 360 meals to the poor over the lunch hour at Sharing and Caring Hands in downtown Minneapolis on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

Contact: Marty Schutz at (763) 571-9354.

School Advisory Commission

Committees, Ministries and Activities

St. John the Baptist Catholic School Advisory Committee (SAC)

Description: Assists the principal to establish school goals related to mission/philosophy, policy, facilities, finance, and marketing. SAC is a consultative advisory committee.

Contact: Principal Ann Laird (651) 633-1522 or lairda@stjohnnyb.org

St. John the Baptist Catholic School

Description: Please contact the School directly for service opportunities. Families' service volunteer hours may be completed through parish activities as well as the school!

Contact: Principal Ann Laird (651) 633-1522 or lairda@stjohnnyb.org

Faithful Beginnings at St. John the Baptist Catholic School

Description: For Children ages three to five. Preschool offers classes two, three or five days per week: morning or afternoon sessions with extended care available from 8:00am-5:00pm. Our classrooms are warm and welcoming and filled with developmentally appropriate material conducive to the hands-on approach to learning. Being a Catholic program, the Preschool staff use positive discipline models, prayer throughout the day and strive to encourage strong, positive social skills. Please contact the Preschool for service opportunities.

Contact: School office for more information (651) 633-1522 or Andrea Schroeder, Preschool Director at schroedera@stjohnnyb.org

Worship Commission

Committees, Ministries and Activities

Worship Commission

Description: It is the mission of the Worship Commission to provide direction and support for worship ministers and ministries in ways that increase, enhance, and encourage active participation in worship by all members of the parish community.

Contact: Lee Tremml (651) 633-8333 ext. 1212 or tremll@stjohnnyb.org

Archives Committee

Description: This committee has the important job of preserving the history of St. John's Parish by collecting, organizing, storing, and displaying various artifacts.

Contact: Lee Tremml (651) 633-8333 ext. 1212 or tremll@stjohnnyb.org

Arts and Environment Committee

Description: Plan and execute the interior and exterior environment of the church.

Contact: Lee Tremml (651) 633-8333 ext. 1212 or tremll@stjohnnyb.org

Funeral Host Ministry

Description: Funeral hosts welcome people attending a funeral at St. John's. The hosts provide directions for the funeral lectors and gift bearers. The hosts create a welcoming environment for the funeral family and their guests.

Contact: Rita Arndorfer (651) 633-8333 ext. 1220 or arndorferr@stjohnnyb.org

Intercessory Prayer Team

Description: Learn how to pray in teams with individuals for their personal needs. These prayer sessions are typically held after certain weekend Masses, as well as during other parish events as the opportunities present themselves.

Contact: Deacon Gary Schneider (651) 633-8333 or stjohsnb@pclink.com

Liturgy

Description: Various opportunities exist for Liturgical participation including the following positions: Cross bearer, Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion, greeters, lectors, Mass servers, and ushers. Training is required for all positions.

Contact: Lee Tremml (651) 633-8333 ext. 1212 or tremll@stjohnnyb.org

Music

Description: Various opportunities exist for musical ministry including the following: children's choir, adult choir, schola, hand bell choir, baptism music group, cantors, and contemporary ensemble.

Contact: Lee Tremml (651) 633-8333 ext. 1212 or tremll@stjohnnyb.org

Perpetual Adoration

Description: Perpetual Adoration is a Eucharistic devotion whereby members of the parish volunteer to spend one hour per week in adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament, both during the day and throughout the night, seven days a week.

Contact: Deacon Gary Schneider (651) 633-8333 ext. 1288

For additional information, please contact the listed person or the parish office at (651) 633-8333 or E-mail stjohsnb@pclink.com