

JESUS SAID TO JAIRUS,

**“Do not be afraid;
just have faith.”**

MARK 5:36

JUNE 27, 2021

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Returning to Mass: July 1 Marks End of Dispensation in Minnesota

The COVID-19 pandemic has been a painful time of separation that necessitated the dispensation from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass. Now, as the pandemic subsides, and public gathering restrictions and safety protocols are lifted, it is time to gather as the Body of Christ once again. Therefore, the bishops and diocesan administrators of the Minnesota Catholic Conference have decided to reinstate the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation beginning the weekend of July 3-4, 2021. Learn more at backtomassmn.org.

In observance of our Nation's Independence Day
we will not have Mass at 6:15 PM on Sunday, July 4th
Please join us for Mass at 8:30 AM or 10:30 AM

The parish will CLOSE after Mass on Monday, July 5

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, June 28, 2021

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass (Ray and Lorraine Bonine+) Church
3:00 PM Litany in Time of Need ~ Facebook

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass (Lu Seiler+) Church
3:00 PM Litany in Time of Need ~ Facebook

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass (Genevieve Jogwuia+) Church
9:30 AM Faithfully Fit ~ 206
3:00 PM Litany in Time of Need ~ Facebook
5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
5:30 PM Mass ~ Church
6:30 PM Summer Youth Group ~ LL106

Thursday, July 1, 2021

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass (Dean Erickson+ & David Hill+) Church
3:00 PM Litany in Time of Need ~ Facebook
7:00 PM Lectio on the Lawn ~ School Court Yard

Friday, July 2, 2021

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass (Genevieve Jogwuia+) Church
3:00 PM Litany in Time of Need ~ Facebook

Saturday, July 3, 2021

3:00 PM Litany in Time of Need ~ Facebook
3:30 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
4:30 PM Mass (Lori and +Joe Szepieniec) Church

Sunday, July 4, 2021 ~ Independence Day

8:30 AM Mass (Pat Delaney+) Church
10:30 AM Mass (James Hunter+) Church
3:00 PM Litany in Time of Need ~ Facebook

NO 6:15 PM MASS

Monday, July 5, 2021

Independence Day Holiday
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass (Theresa Grace+) Church
3:00 PM Litany in Time of Need ~ Facebook



From: Mark Dittman, Parish Business Administrator

**Using our Resources to Further our Mission and Promote our Core Values
Summer 2021 Updates at St. John the Baptist**

It is a busy time at St. John's this summer! We will be moving ahead with several necessary capital maintenance and improvement projects; we will be repurposing some key ministry space; we are making some important new hires and we are making prudential financial decisions. The steps we are taking now are the result of growth in our programs and your continuing generosity. Thank you! With this article I hope to introduce these happenings and provide some background information as well.

Capital Projects

This summer we are installing a new security camera system to protect our people and our property, a built-in video camera in St. Joseph's Hall, adding wifi to the Chapel of Angels, enhancing our church lighting, and we hope to perform needed repairs and updates on our heating, cooling and other aging systems. The cost for these upgrades will come from grants received, 2020 FallFest proceeds, and our capital reserves. Due to ongoing issues with leaks, we are also considering the need to replace our 50+ year old church windows (at the roof level).

At the parish-owned convent, we will be replacing the sidewalk with a wider, safer walkway for our sisters. We are also repairing the house's main chimney and adding a chimney cap.

Preschool Expansion

This spring St. John's parish leadership made the decision to expand the space that we offer to our preschool. We considered doing this a year ago, but the uncertainties created by the pandemic put a hold on any decision. Our 2020/21 preschool enrollment was strong and for much of the year we carried a waiting list for pre-kindergarten full day and 3-year old full day programs. These same programs have a waiting list for the coming year.

In response to that demand, we will be repurposing several rooms and allowing our preschool to grow and therefore serve more families. Room 108, on the west side of our Parish Center's lower level, will become a preschool space. The ministries using that room will relocate to the upper level of the Parish Center, to room 203 (the "Mail Room," a copier and general utility room) or room 204, a conference room in which we may add cabinets. There will be some other relocation and review of storage spaces as well, all with the intention of supporting our ministries, our mission and our core values.

Expanding our preschool space allows us to increase our preschool enrollment to over 60 students as well as introduce a new program called the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Offering this program enables us to strengthen our mission of discipleship in our Early Childhood programming at St. John the Baptist.

New Hires at St. John the Baptist

As our parish grows and changes, our staff needs also change. We decided to invest in our Liturgy Department and hire a part-time administrative assistant for Lee Treml, our Director of Worship. Margaret Harmon, who many of you know as a frequent cantor at our Masses, will serve in this role starting in July. We are also expanding the role of Communications Coordinator to include the bulletin, event promotion, marketing, creating and overseeing the parish's published and social media presence, maintaining our website, and exercising oversight of parish technology as it relates to streaming parish ministry content and interfacing with social media.

Another new position is in our Office of Discipleship & Mission. Over the past six years St. John's has been intentionally offering more opportunities for adults to grow in their relationship with Christ, such as Devoted and Catholic Watchmen. We have taken pilgrimages to shrines and abbeys, offered studies on special topics, and offered an all-parish retreat. We have also planned and implemented a renewal of our ongoing formation programs such as the Becoming Catholic process and baptism preparation. Our relationship with Evangelical Catholic has produced a yield of 17 small groups comprised of 160 men and women. To maintain this momentum and continue to enrich our offerings, we created the position of Coordinator of Discipleship for Adults. The emphasis of this position will be the evangelization and catechesis of young adults and adults, including sacramental preparation.

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Parish Finances

All of these maintenance items, upgrades, new hires and expanded ministries are driven by the needs of our parishioners, especially as has become evident through the pandemic. Financially, our parishioners have shown an incredibly generous spirit, for which we are so grateful! Please watch for a fiscal year 2020/21 financial report by late summer, but I can say now that we are on track to end the fiscal year with a surplus, which we plan to put to use in support of our mission, as described in this article. We were able to take advantage of both the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan, achieving forgiveness for our entire balance, and the Employee Retention Credit (ERC), both of which helped offset a portion of our staffing costs through the pandemic. In addition to our parishioners' ongoing generosity, our school has seen tremendous growth in enrollment this year, and the coming year's numbers are looking strong as well.

As responsible financial stewards of parish resources, we are planning to designate portions of surplus funds to operating and capital reserves, and towards a new approach of pre-funding the tuition aid we give to our school families each year. More information on our reserves will be in our year-end financial report.

After a difficult year that limited our ministries but also challenged us to stay on mission in unique and creative ways, we are positioned to grow at St. John the Baptist! If you are reading this, you are a part of that growth! Please stay with us—or please join us—and together let us seek to fulfill our mission to GO. MAKE. TEACH. and embrace our core values of a reliance on prayer, a willingness to grow, and living out of a generous spirit.

Thank you! May God continue to bless St. John the Baptist Church and School! And may all members of our parish community know the love of Jesus and enjoy a truly wonderful summer! Please contact me with any questions.

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From: Father Kevin Magner, Parochial Vicar

Dear parishioners of St. John the Baptist,

I know this will come as a surprise (or a shock) to all of you—and for that I apologize—but I wanted to let you know that I will soon be leaving St. John the Baptist for a new parish assignment.

I was surprised as well when I got the call from the archdiocese. I thought that all of the assignments had already been determined for this year. But apparently this one was still being worked out.

I will be moving back west to Wright County to work with Fr. John Meyer in the parishes of Maple Lake and Anandale. I am supposed to begin there on July 1 but we are still working out the details of when my last day will be here. Fr. Paul is currently in conversation with the chancery about the priest they are planning to assign here as the new parochial vicar. Again, those details are yet to be finalized.

I know this is a sudden departure but the changes in life are rarely convenient. You, as parishioners of St. John the Baptist, have seen many priests come and go over the years. All of them have been blessed by their time among you. I know I have been. I will take with me many good memories of the friendships I made here during these past few years. God bless you all and please pray for the good of the parish during this time of transition.

Sincerely yours,

Fr. Kevin Magner

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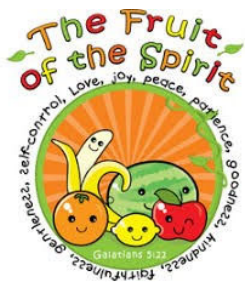
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Our many gardeners at St. John's bring their own gardening tools every week to keep the gardens looking beautiful. Having the necessary tools at church readily available would help a lot. Please bring your garden tool donation to the Welcome Desk. Call Pat Hinnenkamp if you have any questions.



The Fruits of the Spirit VBS

Join us on July 13, 14, 15 from 9 AM-noon for the Fruits of the Spirit VBS! VBS is for students in preschool through children entering Kindergarten. (Children entering 1st grade can choose either VBS or Totus Tuus, whichever program works best for your child and family.) We will read stories, make crafts, pray, have a snack, and playground time. VBS is a fun way to experience Christ's teachings and the Holy Spirit through hands-on play with friends from school and church! We will meet in the First Grade classrooms. On our last day, we will end with a big water extravaganza! The cost is \$30 which includes the cost of a VBS t-shirt. Questions? Email Jen at livermontj@stjohnnyb.org.

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andersonm@stjohnnyb.org

To register, visit <https://stjohnnb.com/faith-formation/youth/extreme-faith-camp/>

SUMMER YOUTH GROUPS

We will continue to have youth group on Wednesday evenings for both middle school and high school students from 6:30-8 PM.

We will play games, grow in our faith and community! See you there!

OPEN YOUTH ROOM FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS!

Continuing in the summer – for all students entering middle school in the fall!

Thursdays from 2:30-4pm in the youth room

This time is a little bit less structured and just a time to be together.

THURSDAY MORNING MASS CLUB

ALL those entering high school or just graduated students are welcome to join for daily Mass at 8:30 AM on Thursday morning throughout the summer followed by breakfast and community.

Totus Tuus Summer Program

Please join us the week of July 11-16 for Totus Tuus. The theme this year is The Virtues, Beatitudes and the Joyful Mysteries. College students on fire for their faith will be presenting a Catholic summer curriculum based upon the pillars of our faith.

There is a Grade School Program that runs Monday, July 12-Friday, July 16 from 9-2:30pm for students entering grades 1-6 in the fall. We will ignite the hearts of students with songs, skits, games, prayer, Mass, small groups, recess, and large group presentations. Questions? email livermontj@stjohnnyb.org

There is also a Junior High/High School Evening Program that runs Sunday, July 11-Thursday, July 15 from 7:30-9:45pm for students entering grades 7-12 in the fall. This program includes large group presentations, small group discussions, games, and night prayer. Questions? Please email andersonm@stjohnnyb.org

To register, visit <https://stjohnnb.com/faith-formation/registrations/>

Volunteers Needed for VBS and Totus Tuus:

Help kids experience the Joy of Jesus this summer! We are in need of teachers, high school aged helpers and snack helpers. Plan to arrive by 8:30am. VBS is for children 3-entering Kindergarten and runs July 13-15 from 9-noon. Totus Tuus is for grade school aged children and runs July 12 - 16 from 9-2:30pm. Teachers will need to make sure their VIRTUS training is up-to-date. Please contact Jen at livermontj@stjohnnyb.org if you have questions or would like to volunteer. Please specify which program you would like to help with.

Housing is needed for two guys and two girls. July 10th-17th. Host home must not have any kids under 18 in the house. Please contact Rita Arndorfer at arn-dorferr@stjohnnyb.org for more information.

You changed my mourning into dancing;

O LORD, my God,

forever will I give you thanks.

~ Psalm 30:13

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-4, 8-11; Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18;
Mt 16:13-19

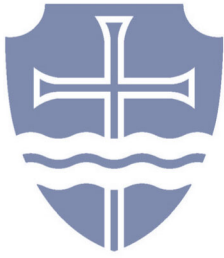
Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13;
Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5;
Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10;
Mk 6:1-6a



Go.Make.Teach. NEWS

The Impact of SJB During the Pandemic

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Reach More small group Bible study shone the Light of Christ during pandemic

By Betsy Carlson

For Tom Lemke, the Bible study group promotional scripture passage, Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them," proved to be true in his Reach More Lenten Bible study during the Covid-19 pandemic.

He says he received a "whole different and brighter perspective on the Gospel and (Mass) readings," a sense of companionship and an appreciation for the lengths St. John the Baptist parish went to protect our safety.

Tom was in a group of about 10 men, aged between 23 and 67, married and single, who met "face-to-face" in a large room weekly. He says they read and re-read the next Sunday's Mass Scriptures and shared their perspectives on the readings.

"I didn't feel comfortable being in a crowd of people, like a lot of us didn't, but, still I yearned for some of that companionship," says Tom, "or some other people within the church with the chance to talk to about things and to talk about the Bible, you know, to discuss the whole Bible, the week's particular readings with people. "That's where the light of Christ came down."

He says he was pleased the group could meet in a large upper classroom where they sat in big circle, kept their 6 to 8 feet social distancing and everybody wore masks. One thing that "was really cool" he says was a system of signs on classroom doors indicating if the rooms had been cleaned or not.

One night, the sign indicated their room was not cleaned yet. They found the janitor who disinfected and cleaned it in 10 to 15 minutes and they were set to meet.

"I think the church went above and beyond during the whole pandemic with what they did to keep everybody safe," he says.

And speaking of everybody, Tom added, "The Lord wants us to know people, to pray together as a congregation. It's a lot easier to pray together if you know people in the congregation. When you're in these small groups, you get to know intimately these other people because you're with them for eight weeks for two hours every Tuesday night, in our case."



Cece transferred to SJB School to live her faith daily, to go in person

by Betsy Carlson

In her desire to live her faith daily and do in-person school during the pandemic, Cece Linders transferred to St. John the Baptist Catholic School for seventh grade this past school year.

An added benefit here? She found support, encouragement and group activities with the NET Team.

"I chose to go to St. John's because at my last school, faith wasn't really a part of everyday life so that was something I was really looking forward to and having God in, like, everyday life and growing my faith," says Cece.

"Also, because of COVID, I really wanted to be in person, that was a really strong value I have. I really needed, like, interactions from people and teachers."



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She transferred from a public school. Her family lives in Lino Lakes and, though active in another parish, is thinking about joining St. John the Baptist.

Cece says she plans to go to Totino-Grace High School, as did her four older siblings and adds that she knows a lot of kids from SJB's school go there after graduation. "So I get to know some new kids from St. John's before I go there, so that was a very nice feature," says Cece.

Her mother, Maria, says Cece also liked daily prayers at school, weekly student Mass, praying the Rosary and that the seventh graders learned a lot of prayers this year. She taught her older siblings the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel and now the family says it before their meals every night.

Maria and other family members sometimes attended the student Masses and she and Cece prayed together daily when they drove to school.

Cece says her involvement with the NET Team came when the team members would "hang out" with them and play games at recess, attend students' sports activities—including her soccer games—and would put on "open youth room" on Thursdays after school and monthly Extreme Faith Night adoration sessions.

As other youth were, Cece met in a small group with a NET Team member—hers was Viviana, who gave each a Catholic Catechism. "We would talk about different things and she would help us find what Jesus would do in those situations," Cece says, "and she helped each find our own identity in Christ. Then I met with her individually and she would pray with me and help me find verses in the Bible that really inspired me to follow God, to trust Him through my struggles."

SJB used online classes, Zoom meetings and limited activities to keep our youth connected

By Betsy Carlson

For Jill Munsinger, the mother of two, the efforts of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and School to keep its younger members connected, whether through online school and a Zoom youth group early in the pandemic, or this year through in-person, though limited, activities brought joy to her children.

"When everything shut down last year in March, I really attribute a lot of it to Father Paul and his ability to think creatively how to reach people, to reach everybody and the families including the students," says Jill. "So, he pretty quickly pivoted to using Facebook, YouTube, as did the youth group.

"They had Zoom meetings and they kept the community contacts alive."

She noted that when the world shut down, that eliminated all her kids' activities. She says, while both Brandon, 16, and Krista, 14, are very active, "neither one of them probably realized the impact of not participating in activities on a nightly basis. Just having that simple outreach of Mass and a youth group connection was so important for mental health. I would say in the dark time, we would see joy. We would see smiles on their faces. We would hear laughter."

Jill praised the school's staff and administration for their ability to think creatively, react quickly and show a willingness to grow into new ways of doing things to continue the growth of the students.

The school pivoted really quickly to online learning when the shut-down happened: getting the schedule figured out, getting equipment for the kids, making sure everybody had a working computer and learning how to use Zoom, which was new to everybody, says Jill. Her children finished that first school year online, Brandon at Totino-Grace High School and Krista as a seventh grader here at SJB.

Jill says that being an eighth grader is something that the students really look forward to at St. John the Baptist School. They're at the top rung in the school and get to be the big prayer partners for the kindergarteners and sit with them during Mass. Krista and her classmates—though attending school in person this year—weren't able to do as much because of COVID-19 limitations.

"But I think just being in the school was really important, being able to see their friends, interact with classmates and have kindergarten prayer partners, being able to have the relationship and develop it," says Jill.

And Krista did get to have graduation this year, says Jill, for which they were so thankful.

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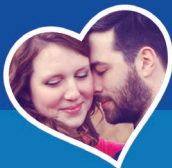


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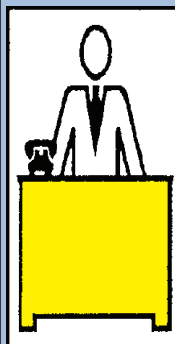
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