

September 5, 2021
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

September Focus:

A Willingness to Grow - Trusting in God



**Will Your Ears be Opened to Listen to
the Lord?**

Mark your Calendars: Starting September 12, the 6:15 pm Mass on Sunday will be moved to 5:30

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PARISH SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday	8 AM - 7 PM
Tuesday	8 AM - 8 PM
Wednesday	8 AM - 8 PM
Thursday	8 AM - 8 PM
Friday	8 AM - 7 PM
<i>Parish Administrative Offices close at 1 PM</i>	
Saturday	8 AM - 5:30 PM
Sunday	8 AM - 1 PM

Church Nursery Update: We offer year-round nursery during both the 8:30am and 10:30am Sunday Masses for children ages 1-3.
FYI - On Sunday September 5th we will have NO nursery.

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<https://www.facebook.com/SJBNewBrighton/>

Subscribe to our YouTube Channel <https://bit.ly/3n9WnGQ>

EMAIL: stjohnsnb@pclink.com

Visit our website: www.stjohnnb.com

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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, September 6, 2021

9:00 AM Mass (Thanh Ha Vu & The Dulski Family)
Church ~ Presider Fr. Doug Ebert
3:00 PM Litany of Restoration ~ Facebook

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass (Julie Martinez+) Church ~ Fr. Paul
11:00 AM Middle School Orientation ~ St. Joseph Hall
3:00 PM Litany of Restoration ~ Facebook
5:30 Arts and Environment ~ 204
7:00 St. Vincent De Paul Society ~ 210

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass (Darwin Larson +) Church ~ Fr. Paul
9:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks ~ St. Therese
9:30 AM Faithfully Fit ~ 210
9:30 AM Fall Scripture 2021 ~ 206
3:00 PM Litany of Restoration ~ Facebook
5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
5:30 PM Mass (Joseph Modesette +) Church ~ Presider Fr. Andy Jaspers
7:00 PM Adult Choir Meeting ~ LL 101
8:00 PM Devoted Core Team ~ 201

Thursday, September 9, 2021

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass (Ralph Arnott +) Church ~ Fr. Paul
3:00 PM Litany of Restoration ~ Facebook
6:00 PM Catholic Watchmen ~ St. Joseph Hall
6:30 PM PTO Meeting ~ 206
8:00 PM Catholic Watchmen ~ Church

Friday, September 10, 2021

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass (Mark & Dolores Lundeen) Church ~ Fr. Paul
9:30 AM Legion of Mary ~ 204
3:00 PM Litany of Restoration ~ Facebook

Saturday, September 11, 2021

3:00 PM Litany of Restoration ~ Facebook
3:15 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
4:30 PM Mass (Judy Morinville +) Church ~ Presider Fr. Andy Jaspers

Sunday, September 12, 2021

8:30 AM Mass (Gene & Loretta Witkowski +) Church ~ Fr. Paul
8:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery
9:15 AM RCIC ~ 211
10:30 AM Mass (Pro Populo) Church ~ Fr. Paul
10:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery
11:30 AM Expectant Parent Blessing ~ Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel.
3:00 PM Litany of Restoration ~ Facebook
5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
5:30 PM Mass (Andrea Jann+) Church ~ Presider Fr. Andy Jaspers



A Welcome Message from Father Doug Ebert!

My name is Fr. Doug Ebert. I am a retired priest who will be assisting your pastor, Fr. Paul Shovelain, as a part time senior associate until a full-time parochial vicar (associate pastor) becomes available next year.

I will now tell you a bit about myself starting with my story as a second career priest.

I was ordained at the age of 62 in 2009. My first assignment was to All Saints in Lakeville as the associate pastor. In 2011, I became the pastor of Guardian Angels in Chaska. In 2014, I was named pastor of St. John Neumann in Eagan. When I learned that Archbishop Hebda wished to assign another priest to succeed me when my term expired, with mixed emotions, I retired on July 1, 2020.

Shortly after learning that I would be leaving St. John Neumann the COVID crisis began. My last months as pastor transitioning into retirement occurred in a new and unsettled paradigm for our culture and our Church.

I became available to assist at local parishes, but the needs were minimal due to schedule reductions and pastoral care restrictions. Last March I was called out of retirement to serve as Parochial Administrator of Saints Joachim and Anne in Shakopee. It was good to be active again, but the amplified cultural and ecclesial divisions of these times were a bit more than I had bargained for. In mid-July, I stepped down as Parochial Administrator as I continue sacramental ministry in Shakopee until early next year.

With COVID restrictions being relaxed, I am now able to assist at several parishes. Aware of the needs of St. John the Baptist, I spoke with Fr. Paul and look forward to serving here on a more predictable schedule for the next several months.

I was the youngest of four boys, born at the leading edge of the “baby boom” in 1946. I grew up in St. Paul’s Midway district as a St. Mark’s parishioner and attended their parochial school. At that time, St. Thomas Military Academy (now St. Thomas Academy in Mendota) was only three blocks away, so, like my older brothers, I attended high school there. After graduating in 1964, I attended Regis College (now Regis University), a Jesuit institution in Denver, Colorado, where I received my BA degree in 1968.

Shortly thereafter, in response to a draft notice, I joined the Air Force and became a pilot flying transport aircraft and served in Viet Nam. In 1973, I entered the reserves and was hired by American Airlines. I spent most of my career in Chicago and retired as an international captain in 2003.

Since 1970, I was also involved in railroad transportation as a renovator and operator of railroad passenger cars in long-haul charter service. I learned many of the intricacies of that business while employed as a dining car cook for the Great Northern Railway during my college years.

Another passion is contemporary (pre-rap) music. I am a song writer, electric guitar player, and have professional experience as a musician.

Since my early youth, the call to priesthood kept gnawing at me. After a few “near-misses” in high school and college, in my late forties I decided to accept any future early retirement opportunity to seriously pursue this call. In 2003, it happened. This early retirement gave me some blessed time as the primary caregiver for my mother until God took her home. I then began my studies for the priesthood as a day student in 2004 and officially entering St. Paul Seminary in 2005. On May 30, 2009, I was ordained a Catholic priest at the Cathedral of St. Paul.

I look forward to serving St. John the Baptist parish and its Catholic School as I continue my post-retirement career in the transportation “business” on this most important journey – our shared pilgrimage to God’s Kingdom, the destiny of faith.

In Christ,
Father Doug Ebert

*“Seek God in all things and you
shall find God by
your side.”*

-Saint Peter Claver
(Feast Day Sept. 9th)



Preschool Teachers Wanted

St. John's Preschool is seeking enthusiastic, nurturing, and positive teachers to join our growing preschool! We have full time and part time positions available. The teachers will work collaboratively with our team of teachers to support our mission which is focused on the development of the whole child. Experience working with preschool-aged children preferred.

To apply or to ask questions; contact Andrea Schroeder at schroedera@stjohnnyb.org or 651-633-1522 ext. 1209

Job Opportunity

Our maintenance department is looking for part-time employees to work occasional evenings and weekends. Must be able to pass a background check and pre-employment physical. Our maintenance staff does important work that directly supports our many ministries by keeping our building clean and secure. Please contact the parish office for a job description and employment application. Questions can be routed to Pat Hinnenkamp, Director of Maintenance, at hinnenkampp@stjohnnyb.org or 651-633-8333, ext. 1203.



Make sure to stop by the gathering space after Mass to pick up your SJB FallFest Raffle Tickets! The drawing will be at 3 pm on Sunday, September 26 and you don't want to miss it!



Expectant Parents Blessing September 12

Parents expecting a new baby or adopting one in the near future, are invited to join us for a special blessing at the "Garden of Life" chapel after the 10:30 AM Mass on September 12.

Sponsored by St. John's Respect Life group

***"Ours for a little while,
with Jesus forever"***

If you have suffered a miscarriage and have unresolved grief, the priest and deacons here at St. John the Baptist are here for you. If you would like to meet with a priest or deacon, please call 651-633-8333 to set up an appointment.

The SJB Respect Life Committee.

Becoming Catholic RCIA...

We invite you to learn what Catholics believe in an open and welcoming environment. Every year St. John's provides an opportunity to learn more about the truths of the Catholic Faith, dive into Sacred Scripture, build community with others, and better understand what to do in prayer and at Mass. Sessions begin on Monday, September 13 at 7:00pm in room 211. Contact Jill Fink, Coordinator of Adult Discipleship today to begin the journey at finkj@stjohnnyb.org or 651-633-1540 x1280.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

"Seek by reading and you will find by meditating. Knock by praying, and it will be opened to you in contemplation." St. John of the Cross

These are open hours that need to be filled: Sunday 8pm; Monday 2am, 11am; Tuesday 7am, noon, 6pm, midnight; Wednesday 4am, 7am, 1pm; Thursday 3am, 10am, 10pm; Friday 11am, 1pm, 11pm; Saturday 5am, 7am.

For more information and to sign up, call Kathy 763-464-3985 or Mark 651-245-6493.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Those who have entered eternal life:

Frank Schutta, Matthew Swanholm

Those who are ill:

Betty Robinson, Sadlovsky Family, Najbert Family, Sheehan Family, Shirley Lind, Cameron Santos, Patricia Roy, John Lundak, Dave Willette, Madi Rippey, Sydney Jo Rippey, Nick Prokop, Jesse McDonough, Daryl and Rose Stevens, Richard Adams, Carol Ruff, Geraldine and Greg Najbert, Lillian Reps, Gloria Hangartner, Sarah Miller, Emily Dahl, Theresa People, Josephine Schmidt, Erik Engbretson, Chris Natheos, Randy Vogland, Don Lumby, Alex Pearson, Thomas Jones, Jean Isacson, Fulton Francis Dobbs, Susan Welsh, Robert Cuddigan, Jenny Bruening, Annette Foreman, Mary Clare Farrell, Sawyer Anderson, Betsy Brown, Dee Olson, Jim Smith, Jerry Renk, Dale Phillips, Dennis Fox, Kathleen Schopf, Tom Miskowic, Bob Springhetti, Steve Lauinger, Charlotte Thrun, John Riedle, Suanne Christensen, Poppy Craft, Annette Kirwan, Bonnie Norgren, Tom Roback, Emma Lutsilili, Beverly Aplikowski, Mary Gormally, Georgianna Warden, Mary Spitzka, Michael Ferdelman, Shirley Hill, Cassie Cramer, Jon Clark, Donna Yenish, Mary Wegerson, John Leibrich, Scott Lemke, Nella Pitzten, Helen Sullivan, Carl Stampfle, Marcy Eder, Doug Brekke, Jack Longnecker, Philip Jarosz, Kay and Gary Mayer & Elaine Loscheider

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11,
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11;
Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18;
Mk 8:27-35

FallFest is Right Around the Corner!

Join us for all the traditional community fun

Raffles, Kids Games, Food, Bingo,
Car Show, and so much more!

Mark your calendar for these highlights:

September 18

Golf Tournament

September 24

5 pm Pig Roast, 5:30 pm Grill the Priests,
7pm The Good, The Bad and The Funky

September 25

9 am FUN RUN, 2 pm Bags Tournament, 7:30 pm GB
Leighton followed by fireworks

September 26

11 am Booya!

Mass w/ Polka Music, Purse BINGO, Food and
Drink Concessions

Email: fallfest@stjohnnyb.org

Sign up to volunteer at FallFest, click here:

www.signupgenius.com/go/409094caaa82ea7f49-stjohns3

If you have donations for the **Online Silent Auction**
please contact Rita Arndorfer at
arndorferr@stjohnnyb.org

PASTORAL MINISTRY

We are looking for more volunteers...and do we have a place for YOU and for A FEW OF YOUR FRIENDS! Pastoral Ministry is a large umbrella with many types of outreach ministries operating under it. There is something for every set of gifts and tastes and needs, and we can always use more help, especially after this break called Covid! We need volunteers in all areas including: Eucharistic Ministers to hospital senior living center, nursing homes and homebound. Handyman, house cleaning and odd jobs. Respite care – giving a caregiver a break. Caring & Sharing Hands, Meals On Wheels & Catholic Charities Branch III meals for others. Respect Life Committee and Maternity Closet, Quilters and the Food Shelf. St. Vincent de Paul who serve so many in so many ways or being a PCA (Personal Care Assistant) for a disabled parishioner. And that is not even an exhaustive list!! If you are ready to dive in and serve with the heart of Jesus, here is your myriad of opportunities! Contact Mary Kohlhaas at kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org or 651.633.8333 x1229 with questions or to sign up.

Sister Clarinda's Sunday Scripture Class
Tuesdays at 9:00 AM in Room 204
Beginning September 14

Class fee: \$25 for the year

Register online at www.stjohnnb.com

If you need assistance registering, please see Thomas in the parish office.

Want to Host the NET Team in their FINAL YEAR?

Our NET TEAM is coming back this year and this is your final opportunity to host them in your home; hosting 2-4 members for 2-4 weeks. Others say "It was incredible having young, faith-filled adults to witness how their love of Jesus touched their lives."

Contact Mikayla Anderson andersonm@stjohnnyb.org or Rita Arndorfer arndorferr@stjohnnyb.org with any questions!

Youth Group Volunteers

Do you want to have a direct impact in the lives of our youth and help them to stay in the Church? Our youth can never have too many faithful adults in their lives and our SJB youth are no different! Contact Mikayla Anderson, andersonm@stjohnnyb.org on how you can get more involved in our growing youth ministry program here at SJB!

Youth group starts September 23, 2021

Both Middle and High School Youth Groups Start back up on September 23.

Middle School – 6:30-8pm | High School – 8-9:30pm

Eucharistic Ministers Needed:

We have MANY homebound, nursing home residents and senior living parishioners who are unable to attend Mass on location at church. We reach out to them by bringing them the Blessed Sacrament and a visit! We are consistently getting more calls requesting Communion visits and we need the volunteers to be able to reach them all. How about YOU? Are you willing to do a once a week or once a month visit to help us fulfill this beautiful desire for Jesus? It is a fulfilling ministry on both sides - and you will gain far more than you ever expected by giving a little time and attention. Please take time to ask the Lord about your involvement and then for more information contact Mary Kohlhaas at kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org or 651.633.8333 x1229.

Growing Through Loss fall series begins Sept. 13

The fall Growing Through Loss series begins Monday, Sept. 13 with Grief: A Journey. This session helps define grief and helps guide you on your journey through it, understanding how losses impact our lives. Speaker is Linda Cherek, licensed therapist, educator, consultant and author. The program is from 6:45 to 9 p.m. at St. Philip's Lutheran Church, 6180 Highway 65 NE, Fridley. The series continues Mondays through Oct. 18. There are brochures available in the St. Paul Plaza kiosks. Registration is taken at each session. You may attend any one or all the programs. There is no fee, but donations are welcome. For more information about the program, call Sue Amos Palmer, 651-633-8333 ext. 1298. The next program in the series is Sept. 20, Caring for a Broken Heart, also with Linda Cherek.

All announcements are due by 12 noon on Friday for inclusion in the weekend pulpit announcements.

Register for Sacraments and Faith Formation

Registration is now open for all children and youth Faith Formation programs including: Sunday School, Family Formation, 1st Sacraments and Confirmation. **All registration forms are on our website under the Faith Formation heading.** There you can find information about the programs or go straight to the Registration link. **Early bird pricing is happening now, so don't delay!** Early bird pricing ends on different dates for different programs based upon start dates.

Sunday School

Sunday School early bird pricing ends September 27th. Our parent orientation is September 19th following the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses in St. Joe's Hall. Please see our website to register. Sunday School is discipleship training for our littlest disciples (ages 3 through kindergarten). The sessions consist of a Bible story and lesson, songs, crafts, and saint stories. We meet most Sundays during the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses from October through April. All children must be registered to attend the Sunday School program. Please contact Jen Livermont at livermontj@stjohnnyb.org with questions.

1st Sacraments

Registration for Reconciliation and First Communion early bird pricing ends September 26th. Please see our website to register your 2nd grader for 1st Sacraments. Anyone registering for 1st Sacraments must either be enrolled in Catholic school or enrolled in Family Formation. The preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion are completed during second grade. Preparation is done primarily at home with parents guided by our program resources. Families will meet for a retreat prior to each sacrament. Please contact Jen Livermont at livermontj@stjohnnyb.org with questions.

Family Formation

Family Formation early bird pricing ends September 12th! Our parent orientation is September 15th at 6:30pm so please see our website to register. Family Formation is offered to families with preschool – 8th grade children. The parents and children grow in discipleship together. The program meets at church on the first Wednesday of every month for onsite formation. Children will meet in grade specific classrooms with catechists so they can make friends in the parish with kids their age and learn at their level. Parents will listen to a speaker on the topic their children will be learning about that month. Family Formation is designed for parents to be equipped to fulfill their call to be the first and foremost educators of their children's faith. Parents will leave with materials to teach their children three additional lessons at home during the rest of the month. Preschoolers and Kindergarteners attend class together for free but must be registered. Children in 7th and 8th grade will go to the Youth Room to receive their own formation. Childcare is available, please indicate the need on the registration form. Please contact Jen Livermont at livermontj@stjohnnyb.org with questions.

Volunteers Needed!

Faith Formation and sacramental prep programs are starting up so that means we need volunteers! Volunteers can expect to make friends with other volunteers, have fun, share their faith with others and receive tenfold what they give. Please prayerfully consider if you have the skills and desire to help with ministry this year. Volunteers are needed for Sunday School, Family Formation, First Sacraments, and Confirmation. The age groups you will work with, time commitments and skills needed vary, so please contact Jen Livermont at livermontj@stjohnnyb.org if you are interested in working with children 3 years to 6th grade or Mikayla Anderson at andersonm@stjohnnyb.org if you are interested in working with middle school or high school students. All volunteers working with kids will need to complete our online background check and Virtus training.

Confirmation Registration is NOW OPEN

Confirmation Preparation is for those entering 9th grade and older who would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the Spring 2022. Confirmation preparation is a one-year, weekly program with an overnight retreat component. Program includes both small group and large group sessions! Contact Mikayla Anderson, andersonm@stjohnnyb.org with any questions!

Save the Date for our NET Team Welcome Bonfire!

Our NET TEAM arrives at SJB on September 18th! We will have a Bonfire at 7pm in the West Parking Lot to welcome our team to the parish! Please mark the date down now.

Questions, contact Mikayla Anderson
andersonm@stjohnnyb.org

SJB 5K & 1mi Fun Run/Walk - Saturday, September 25, 2021

Join us for this historic Fun Run as part of our FallFest

For more information, visit <https://stjohnnb.com/fallfest-2021/fallfest-fun-run-2021/>

To register online, visit <https://tinyurl.com/85vwbp8s>

For a printable registration form, visit <https://tinyurl.com/xzbrex8y>

Saluting Our 50 Year Club Members

St. John the Baptist 50 Year Club was established in 2018 in association with the 50th Anniversary of our new church building. We would like to express our gratitude to all who have been parishioners for 50 years or more, and invite your prayers for those who have entered eternal life, many more than could be named below. You have all played an important role in building St. John the Baptist into the vibrant parish it is today. Thank you!



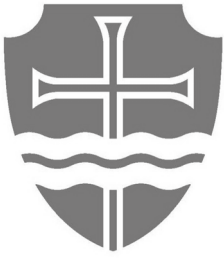
Patty Abraham	Barbara Pechous Godbout
Beverly Aplikowski	Helen Gove
Jane and +Ralph Arnott	David and Diane Grigal
Doris Bauer	Jacqueline Grindatti
Marion M. Bengson	Karen L. Guse
Jan and Jerry Bensing	Gene and Delores Guthmueller
Jim Bernard	Thomas and Mary Halaska
Dolores Bona	Bud and Barbra Handzel
Tony and Kathy (Kraus) Bona	Eleanor Hanson
William and Bonnie Boutelle	Rodney and Judy (Indykiewicz) Harris
Melvin and Gloria Brandl	Charles E. Heath
Robert Brannon	Mary A. (Chock) Hedberg
Donna and +Richard Brennan	Luella I. Heiling
Jeanne Breske	Darlene Heimerl
Kenneth (Ken) Breske	Bonnie and Bill Heslin
Helen and +Stephan Bucko	Joanne Hessel
Glenda Burrows	Sally and Harvey Heurung
Allan "Bud" and Nancy J. Byrnes	Patricia and Donald Hewitt
Lois Bystrom	Pat and Ron Hicke
Joseph and Renee Casalenda	Robert and Kay Hildreth
Edward and Claudette Casey	Chris and Don Hoseck
John and Janet Cech	Tom and Mary Hoel
+Thomas and Diane Chies, Sr.	Lois Hoium
Al Cichoski	Carl Hosler
Francis Cloutier	John and Helen Houle
Maureen Collins	George and Joyce Huard
Yvonne Collins	Virginia Hudoba
Judith Cooper	Jack and Jean Isacson
Bernice Daas	Shirley Jacobs
Allen Roy and Rosemary Dahms	Betty Jacobson
Dennis and Sharon Decheine	Michael and +Andrea Jann
Julie and +Patrick Delaney	Marilyn Jindra
Delores and +John Demont	Donald and Mary Johnson
Deacon Peter and Nancy D'Heilly	Larry and Pat Johnson
Sharon Dietrich	Mary Johnson
Ron and Marie Duchesneau	Pat and Patty Johnston
Barb Dufault	Peg Joyce
Melvin and Judy Enga	Marge Kackman
Myron and Betty Evenson	+Melvin and Mary Ann Kaiser
Gladys and Art Fettig	Pauline H. Keohen
Ron and Marianne Flor	Leon and Kathy Kline
Joe and Janet Frank	Frank and +Charlotte Kozak
Charlotte French	Rosemarie Kozel
Michael and Luella Freund	Claire and Mel Kriz
Lucie Gebhardt	Edna Kuchinski
Don and Audrey Geneva	Germaine Kuglin
Ruby Gerner	Doug and Barb LaChance
Bob and Terry Gibson	Deborah Lamson
Larry Gillespie	Darlene Lappen

Fifty-Year Club members con't

Heralgine Larson
Richard Leier
+Joseph and JoAnn M. Leon
Wallace and +Teresa Lieser
Laura Symanski Lind
Ramona (Bona) Logelin
Joseph and +Gisella Longo
Richard and Suzanne Loscheider
Herb and Jeanne Manteufel
Roger and Marian Marcouiller
Roman and Lucille Marsolek
Barbara Mata
Bernadine M. Matushak
Lola and +Melvin Maurer
Joseph J. and Kathy (Wilson) Mauricio
Gary and Charlene Maus
William and Virginia McCulloch
Mary Ann McEvoy
Delores Mergen
Dorothy Metzger
Ross Metzger
Linda (Katchmark) Miller
Glenn and Virginia Mischke
Patricia and +Glenn Modjeski
Richard Moses
Elizabeth Murnan
Bernard and Mary Ann Musielewicz
Jeanne and +John Nemanich
Marlene Nickel
Trudy and +Cliff Nimis
Phyllis Norbeck
David M. and Karen A. Nowak
Maureen and Jim O'Brien
Mike and Pat O'Brien
William O'Kasick
Harriet Odash
Deloresann Olson
John and Suzanne Olson
Carol Osterbauer (Mrs. Ben)
Kathryn Packard
Lucille and +Richard Pallow
Karen Skoglund - Panning
Ruth Pauly
Cherie Pederson
Kathleen and +John Peifer
Neomi Perisic
Agnes Heimerl Peterson
Erik and Patricia Peterson
Joseph Preese
+Louis and LaVerne Preese
Deacon Tom and Judy Quayle
Sharon Rasmussen
Kathy Raymond

Carol Ruff
Eileen Rybak
Michael and Marcia Sager
Rose Schafer
Ron and June Schleiss
Alphonse and Darlyne Schlichting
Bea and Richard Schonhardt
Joyce and Nick Schwartz
Roger and Muriel Schwinghammer
Jacquie and Greg Schmitz
Lorraine Seitz
James and Leslie Senden
James and Lailah Simmer
Virginia Skiba
Bob and +Jann Sitarz
Bernadine Skoglund
Mary Smith
Mary Spiczka
Carl and +Beverly Stampfle
Thomas Stampfle and Carol Halaska Stampfle
Michael and Irene Steele
Annette Steiner
Daryl and Rose Stevens
Darrell F. Stonina
Kathleen Stonina
Judy Swanholm
Edward Swendra
Thomas L. Symanski
Ray Tandeski & Mary Helen Haines Tandeski
Germaine Tharaldson
Ron and RoseAnn Trettel
Mary H. Trisko
Jean S. Turcotte
Anna Turnacliff
Patrick and JoAnn Ubl
Floyd and Elizabeth Udermann
Constance Urgo
Lawrence and Suzanne Vanden Plas
Joyce and +Howard Vander WYST
Leo and Ruth Von Rueden
Betty Vranys
Stephanie Waite
Bob and Diane Walsh
Georgianna Warden
Dorothy Wesen
Pat Wick
John R. and +Ann Wiggins
Marleen Wilczek
Clarence and +Rose Wilkus
John and Nancy Winiecki
Thomas (Tom) Winiecki
Mary H. Witucki
Dolores Wyttenbach
+Kyran and Juanita R. Zamor

We have tried our best to list names as requested. To share any corrections, additions, or provide other comments, please contact Mary May at 651-633-8333, x1253 or email maym@stjohnnyb.org. Thank you!



Go.Make.Teach. NEWS

Spotlight on St. John's New Employees

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Jill Fink has come to St. John the Baptist to 'Go, Make, Teach'

By Jill Fink

I am very excited to be a part of the discipleship team at St. John the Baptist community, advancing the mission and formation of adults as well as being part of sacramental preparation and celebration. I have been humbled that the Lord has sought to use my gifts and talents through theological education and 20 years of ministry experience.

My husband Dave and I have lived in the New Brighton area for the past 17 years. We have three children, our youngest entering his senior year of high school. Our children attended St. John's Little Lights Preschool, a solid foundation for their now high school, college and post college lives.

My undergraduate work was at Franciscan University of Steubenville (Ohio) and I earned a master's degree from the University of Dallas Institute for Religious and Pastoral Studies. My ministry career included young adult ministry at NDSU Newman Center, work with family centered ministry at St. Odilia Catholic Community and leading catechetical efforts in a director role at The Church of the Epiphany.

These experiences have fortified my love for the People of God and for entering the most sacred space of accompanying others in growing in holiness and journeying toward our eternal home with our good and gracious God, who loves us and fulfills us.

I am looking forward to being a part of the vision within the Office of Discipleship and Mission to advance opportunities for adults to follow St. John the Baptist Church's message of GO, MAKE, TEACH.

I hope to help encourage the faithful to answer their baptismal call to GO out to others to share the Good News. My role with adults, parents and children in sacramental preparation is to MAKE of their lives a living discipleship. In my role of instruction, I hope to give the tools and inspiration for others to TEACH, articulating with words or through their life witness the mystery of our good and gracious God and the rich treasure of faith within the Catholic Church.

Margaret Harmon assists worship director, sings with a smile and prays twice

by Betsy Carlson

Many parishioners at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church know the soprano singing voice of homegrown cantor Margaret Harmon. But did you know that she was hired this summer as liturgical administrative assistant to Lee Treml, director of worship?

While she'll continue cantoring for Sunday Masses, she now is assisting Lee with preparing Mass leaflets and is putting together the cantor and the organ binders weekly and instrumentalist binders whenever they're needed.

Margaret attended St. John's Catholic School K-8 and was in the youth choir and in choirs in high school and college. She says she has been doing music



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since she was in the fourth grade and has always wanted to pursue a career in music but she wasn't sure what specifically she would be doing, maybe be a choir director or a music teacher.

While her first experience cantoring at SJB was for a 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass when she was in the eighth grade, Margaret has been a cantor at St. John's for about eight years, starting in her senior year in high school. When she visited the music department at the University of St. Thomas, she says, "They gave me a list of all the different music majors and I saw liturgical music and I was like, 'that's it,' I didn't even know there was a degree for it. (It's) a very small program," she says. "But I was like, 'yeah, I want that, I want to do that.' I've always loved singing at church and I'd already been a cantor for over a year at that point."

She graduated from St. Thomas three years ago with the liturgical music degree and a minor in Catholic studies.

As for the St. John's mission statement to Go, Make, Teach, she thinks being a witness for others, teaching by example, is one of the best ways. And she smiles while she sings, she says.

"Basically putting your whole heart and being into what you do and just turn it all into a prayer, as St. Augustine says, 'they who sing, pray twice,'" Margaret adds. "I try to live by that. It's my motto. It's making me more motivated to keep on singing."

And in doing that, she is living our core value of reliance on prayer.

New hospitality coordinator comes to SJB by way of volunteering, prayer and Providence

By Betsy Carlson

Melissa Berg says she is blest and grateful to be at the spot she's in today, in all avenues of her life, and especially in being the new hospitality coordinator here at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

"I feel like God put me in the right place at the right time because it's kind of something I've been looking to do for quite some time," she says. And, she learned after being hired that her boss, Teri Shea, office and facilities manager, called her an answer to a novena.



Melissa says she happened to see the hospitality job on the archdiocesan website last spring, and it sounded like something she would really enjoy. So, she reached out to find out more about it. Turns out, Melissa called Teri on the last day of a novena Teri was praying that they would find someone to hire.

As hospitality coordinator, Melissa helps with events large and small, comes up with menu plans, prepares food or desserts as needed and does all the shopping and ordering for many of the parish's activities. For instance, in the past month, she spent three days feeding 120 children at Matt Birk's Faith and Football Camp.

Although she's a licensed registered nurse, Melissa has not been serving as a nurse for about five years. She got into event planning through a lot of volunteering at her and her husband's parish, St. Bernard's, and at the two Catholic schools her children attended. And as she hosted parties for family and friends, she started cooking for larger groups, she explains.

Her youngest son transferred to St. John's school and the family moved to the New Brighton neighborhood about two years ago and that's also part of Providence leading her to St. John's to serve members and guests with welcoming events, food and treats.

Her work fulfills the parish mission statement to Go, Make, Teach, she says, "through my position and being able to serve the people of the church, (I have) a way of giving to God. Sharing my talents and skills, sharing what I have to offer, I feel that's a kind of a way to do that."

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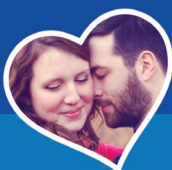
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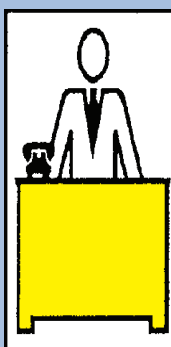
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