

# November 28, 2021 First Sunday of Advent

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



Week Focus:

Happy New Liturgical Year!

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Monday	8 AM - 8 PM
Tuesday	8 AM - 8 PM
Wednesday	8 AM - 8 PM
Thursday	8 AM - 8 PM
Friday	8 AM - 7 PM
Saturday	8 AM - 5:30 PM
Sunday	8 AM - 5:30 PM

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#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### Monday, November 29, 2021 8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals

8:30 AM Mass (Tom and Mary Hoel) Church ~ Fr. Doug

9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Church 3:00 PM Litany of Restoration ~ Facebook

7:00 PM RCIA Class ~ 211

#### Tuesday, November 30, 2021

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals

8:30 AM Mass ~ (Delores Heath +) Church ~ Fr. Doug

9:00 AM Sunday Scripture ~ 204 9:30 AM Maternity Closet ~ 203

3:00 PM Litany of Restoration ~ Facebook

#### Wednesday, December 1, 2021

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals

8:30 AM Mass (Rose Wilkus +) Church ~ Fr. Paul

9:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks ~ St. Therese

9:30 AM Faithfully Fit ~ 210

3:00 PM Litany of Restoration ~ Facebook

5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals

5:30 PM Mass (Robert Foht) Church ~ Fr. Doug

6:00 Family Formation ~ St. Joseph Hall

7:00 PM Adult Choir Meeting ~ LL 101

8:00 PM Senior High School Group ~ LL 106

#### Thursday, December 2, 2021

6:30 AM Men's Fellowship ~ St. Joseph Hall

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals

8:30 AM Mass (Walter and Helen Wilkus +) Church ~ Fr.

ext. 1220

ext. 1253

ext. 1203

ext. 1227

ext. 1217

2:30 PM Middle School Open Youth Room

3:00 PM Litany of Restoration ~ Facebook

#### Friday, December 3, 2021

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals

8:30 AM Mass (Frank and Stella Kos +) Church ~ Fr. Paul

9:30 AM Legion of Mary ~ 204

12:30 PM Primetime Advent Reflection ~ St. Joseph Hall

3:00 PM Litany of Restoration ~ Facebook

#### Saturday. December 4. 2021 **Book Fair Give Away**

3:00 PM Litany of Restoration ~ Facebook

3:15 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals

4:30 PM Mass ~ (Dale Dufault +) Church ~ Fr. Paul

#### Sunday, December 5, 2021

#### **Book Fair Give Away**

8:30 AM Mass (Irene Hendrickson +) Church ~ Fr. Paul

8:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery

8:30 AM Sunday School ~ School Classrooms

9:15 AM RCIC ~ 211

10:30 AM Mass (Jade Rurik +) Church ~ Fr. Paul

10:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery

10:30 AM Sunday School ~ School Classrooms

11:30 PM Parish Advent Activities ~ St. Joseph Hall

3:00 PM Litany of Restoration ~ Facebook

5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals

5:30 PM Mass (Pro Populo) Church ~ Fr. Andy Jaspers

6:45 PM Confirmation Preparation ~ LL 106

## From Jessica Balzarini, Director of Parish Life



#### Restored to JOY this Advent Season!

"These things I have spoken to you, that my JOY may be in you, and that your JOY may be full."

John 15:11

While we were masking up in MN, I had an encounter with a woman in the grocery store. She was on a motorized scooter behind me in line. She was attempting to place her items from the basket on to the belt for the cashier and was having some difficulty. I asked her if she would mind if I helped her, she was hesitant, but did accept. Then she said something that surprised me, "I can tell you are smiling under your mask." I looked at her confused and was thinking, how would you know my face is covered! She said, "I can see you smiling with your eyes."

At a time when I didn't feel all that close to the Lord and I certainly didn't feel like I was naturally or easily happy, this woman saw something in me. Actually, she saw "someone" in me. The only reason she saw the smile behind my mask and in my eyes is because Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us. God is so with us that he even becomes a part of us. His love, his light, his JOY, his peace, his grace radiates out into the world.

We know that JOY is the mark of every disciple of Jesus. We know that when we give Jesus permission to be Lord of our life and Lord of our everything, something inside of us changes. When we beg the Holy Spirit to come and make a home in us, something is transformed. Our hearts become a place for Jesus to reside and the Father's love to flourish.

JOY doesn't come easily and contrary to popular belief, it isn't something we can just choose. There are some really cute memes, T-shirts, and mugs out there smattered with this untruth. True Christian JOY is a fruit of the Holy Spirit, a work of the Spirit in us. A work we cooperate with; a work where we get our hands dirty. JOY is the result of a life connected to the Vine, who is Jesus, and a life that is pruned by the Vinedresser, who is God the Father.

God wants you to experience the JOY you were created for. This Advent, St. John's is inviting you to be restored to JOY, or for some of us, to discover this kind of JOY for the very first time. As a parish, we will be walking through an online Advent Retreat created by Chris Stefanick called, <u>Living Joy: 9 Rules that will Change your Life.</u> This free online retreat has daily content. Each day you will receive a short video full of wisdom, experience, and common sense that will unpack these 9 simple steps to help you cooperate with God's plan to live JOY everyday. Your retreat begins November 28th by signing up here: https://coaching.reallifecatholic.com/living-joy

In Christ, Jessica Balzarini

# Happy New Liturgical Year!

## Restored to Life! Core Commitment 2022

Thank you to all those who returned their response forms with commitments to rely on prayer, be willing to grow, and live out of a generous spirit for 2022. Your generosity makes it possible for us to bring the Kingdom of Christ to New Brighton and beyond! If you have not yet turned in your commitment form, it is not too late. Please return your completed form via the collection at any Mass or to the parish office, by mail or signing up online. May God bless you for your generosity!

Questions? Contact Mary May, Development Associate, at maym@stjohnnyb.org or 651-633-8333, ext. 1253.

Thank you for your generosity to St. John the Baptist!

#### **Parish Advent Activities**

Join us for hospitality in St. Joseph's Hall after the 8:30 or 10:30 Mass on Sunday, December 5th for fun, Advent activities. We will have several stations set up so you can do the activities that interest you. Some of the stations will be making Christmas cards for our homebound parishioners, a Jesse Tree craft,



December saint crafts and more, with St. Nicholas treats for the kids!



"It is impossible to find a saint who did not take the "two P's" seriously: Prayer and Penance."

-Saint Francis Xavier (Feast Day December 3)

#### **Angel Tree Donations**



Due to COVID-19, the physical Angel Tree will not be put up; HOWEVER, we prayerfully request gift cards. Please donate gift cards \$20 (& up) from any of the following: Cub Foods, Aldi, Target, Walmart, Subway, McDonald's, Ulta, Kohls, Caribou Coffee, Best Buy, Marshall, Old Navy, Amazon, Chipotle, Visa and/or movie gift cards. These can be

mailed to St. John's or dropped off at the welcome desk now through December 13, 2021. The donations will be used by the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf, the St. Vincent de Paul Group and Sharing and Caring Hands.

> Your generosity is greatly appreciated. May God Bless you!

#### St. John's Respect Life Committee

We meet every fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in room 211. Please stop by and get involved!

#### **Be Prepared for Advent!**

Advent is just around the corner, what will you do to prepare your heart and your home for Jesus at Christmas.

f God wants you to experience the JOY you were created for. This Advent, St. John's is inviting you to be restored to JOY, or for some of us, to discover this kind of JOY for the very first time. As a parish we will be walking through an online Advent Retreat created by Chris Stefanick called, <u>LIVING JOY: 9 Rules that will Change your Life.</u> This free online retreat has daily content. Each day you will receive a short video full of wisdom, experience, and common sense that will unpack these 9 simple steps to help you cooperate with God's plan to live JOY everyday. Your retreat begins November 28th by signing up here <a href="https://coaching.reallifecatholic.com/living-joy">https://coaching.reallifecatholic.com/living-joy</a>

If you prefer something in your hands, you are welcome to read Chris Stefanick's book <u>LIVING JOY: 9 Rules to Help you Rediscover and Live JOY Every Day</u>. Cost is \$10 and books can be purchased at the Welcome Desk.

Another option is our 1% Challenge based on the Gospel of Luke. 1% of your day is just 15 minutes. Take the 4 weeks of Advent to dive more deeply into the entire life of Christ. Use the simple Lectio Divina form provided on the card as you begin with the biblical narratives of the Incarnation, continue with Christ's public ministry and into his passion, death, and resurrection. Then for Christmas reread the first few chapters of Luke with new insights.

#### PERPETUAL ADORATION

"Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer." ~Romans12:12

Night owls, take advantage of these open hours by signing up for an hour of prayer before our Lord!

Monday midnight, 2am; Tuesday midnight; Wednesday 4am; Thursday 3am; Friday 2am; Saturday 1am, 5am. Prayer partners are needed Monday at 2pm, Tuesday at noon and 10pm and Friday 1pm.

Call Kathy 763-464-3985 or Mark 651-245-6493 for more information and to schedule your hour.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Those who have entered eternal life:

#### Those who are ill:

Ed Robinson, Sadlovsky Family, Najbert Family, Sheehan Family, Shirley Lind, Cameron Santos, Patricia Roy, John Lundak, Dave Willette, Madi Rippy, Sydney Jo Rippy, Nick Prokop, Jesse McDonough, Daryl and Rose Stevens, Richard Adams, Carol Ruff, Geraldine and Greg Naibert, Lillian Reps, Gloria Hangartner, Sarah Miller, Emily Dahl, Theresa People, Josephine Schmidt, Erik Engebretson, 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, Kathleen Schopf, Tom Miskowic, Bob Dennis Fox. Springhetti, Steve Lauinger, Charlotte Thrun, John Riedle, Poppy Craft, Annette Kirwan, Bonnie Norgren, 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 Pitzen, Helen Sullivan, Carl Stampfle, Marcy Eder, Doug Brekke, Philip Jarosz, Kay and Gary Mayer & Elaine Loscheider, Jim Verbrugge, Diana Goebel, Bill Madison, Ted Kueppers

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.

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#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11 Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;

Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;

Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11;

Lk 3:1-6

#### Find Father!

Kids 18 and under, hidden somewhere in this bulletin is a picture of Fr. Paul. If you can find him; you win a prize! All you have to do is bring your bulletin to Joseph Huebl, Communications Coordinator at SJB, and show him the picture for your choice of a saint holy card that has been blessed by Father Paul or Father Doug. Joseph is in his office weekdays 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Please stop by any time in that window to claim your prize!





#### **Receptionist/Executive Assistant**

The primary purpose of this position is to support our parish mission by performing the responsibilities of a receptionist for the parish and the responsibilities of executive assistant to the pastor.

To apply, please submit a cover letter, resume, and list of professional references to Teri Shea, Office & Facilities Manager, St. John the Baptist Church, 835 2nd Ave NW, New Brighton, MN 55112. Fax: 651-633-7404; email: <a href="mailto:sheat@stjohnnyb.org">sheat@stjohnnyb.org</a>.

#### **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 <a href="mailto:schroedera@stjohnnyb.org">schroedera@stjohnnyb.org</a> or 651-633-1522 ext. 1209

## Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Cozzens

Sunday, November 28, noon-4 p.m., Cathedral of Saint Paul, Saint Paul

On October 18, Pope Francis appointed Bishop Andrew Cozzens as the bishop of Crookston, Minnesota. Join in a Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Cozzens with a reception following for people to greet him.

#### Mark your Calendars!

St. John the Baptist Coordinator of Sacraments, Michael Lane, will be ordained to the permanent diaconate in about one week! He would be most appreciative if you are able to join him on this very special day.



Date: December 4, 2021 Time: 10:00 am Place: Cathedral of St. Paul



#### SJB PARISH Library News — Upcoming Book Fair Giveaway

After a long closing due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the SJB Parish Library Committee is working on cleaning up the Library to get it ready to reopen, which will be in January of 2022. Many generous donations of books and other items were received while we were closed during the last 1 ½ years. Thank you all! In the meantime, our SJB LIBRARY BOOK FAIR GIVEAWAY is back!!! It will be the next weekend, December 4 - 5 after all the weekend Masses. Books, DVD's, CD's, and religious items such as crucifixes, rosaries, medals, prayer cards, religious pictures, etc. will all be given away FREE!!! For more information, or for any questions, call Jeannie Kratzer @ 612 -406-9387, no texting.

#### A LITTLE CHRISTMAS MAGIC!



Have you noticed the blue bins by the church doors with the 'sock' signs on them? They fill up with bags of socks and underwear and then magically are empty again! Week after week this scene repeats itself until the Sunday night after Thanks-

giving. Then the socks and underwear and blue bins disappear altogether. But the homeless that receive the socks and underwear do not disappear. They are with us all year!

Let's show them St. John's version of Christmas magic!

Have yourself a merry little Christmas! God is watching and so is St. Nick!

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**Join us for Faithfully Fit** being held on Wednesdays at 9:30 am in Room 210. You are welcome to join us any Wednesday.

#### **Senior Sparks Advent Party**

The CCW and Widows/Widowers Group are cosponsoring an Advent Party for Seniors on Saturday, December 18th!

We will be gathering in St. Joseph Hall from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Bring a white elephant gift and bring a friend as well! Entertainment by Janice Shovelain and mixing with each other.

**SAVE THE DATE** and watch for RSVP & more information to come!

#### 'TIS THE SEASON...

Do you have YARDWORK that needs to be done? Are you a SJB parishioner who simply cannot do your yardwork the way you used to? Could you use some help from young eager bodies willing to serve? Just contact the Pastoral Ministry Office and we can hook you up with great volunteers! We believe in family helping family and in the St. John the Baptist Parish – we're family! So if you have little clean up, raking, painting, fix-it, even change a light bulb jobs, let us know and we'll take care of it! Contact Mary at kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org or 651.633.8333 x1229.

#### **Volunteers Needed!**

Funeral Host Ministry team is looking for volunteers.

Several commissions are looking for new members.

"Dabble in photography?" We are currently seeking someone to take pictures at various parish events.

Our new parishioner welcome ministry is seeking volunteers to help with welcoming new families into our community.

Minimal commitment; training is provided.

To learn more about these volunteer opportunities or others, please contact Rita Arndorfer at arndorferr@stjohnnyb.org or 651-633-8333 ext. 1220.

#### Due to the overwhelming requests for Mass intentions:

- A Mass intention can be requested no more than 3 months out. For example, if you would like a Mass intention for September, the earliest you can request that date is June 1. Please keep in mind your preferred date may not be available.
- Only 2 Mass intentions per person, per month will be taken.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

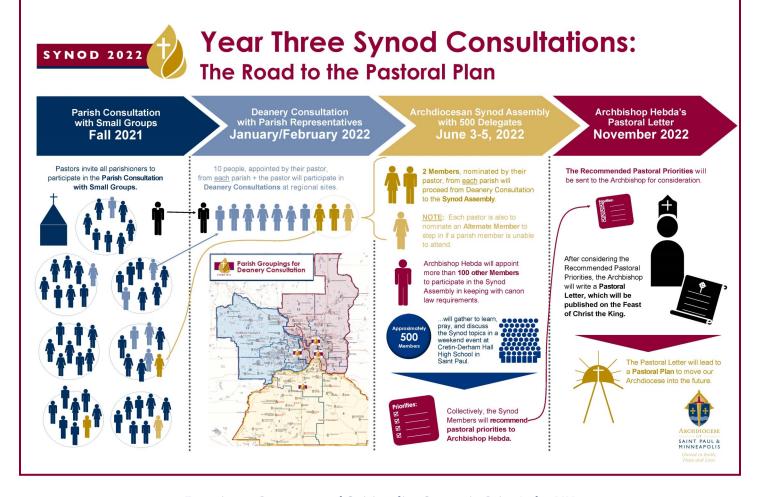
The bulletin deadline is 12:00 noon on Thursday, 10 days before the Sunday publication date. All submissions will be edited for length and content and are subject to final approval. Space is very limited. Thank you for your cooperation. Send requests to: stjohnsnb@pclink.com

#### Post Synod: What happens after the Synod?

Thank you to all our participants in the Synod Small Groups Parish Consultation! Your feedback has been greatly appreciated for our Archbishop as well as for our St. John's community.
What happens next?

10 people, appointed by their pastor, from each parish plus the pastor will participate in **Deanery Consultation** at a regional site this winter. The Synod process that culminates with a **Synod Assembly at Pentecost 2022**. After considering the Synod recommendations, Archbishop Hebda will write a **Pastoral Letter** in November 2022 – at the Feast of Christ the King – leading to a Pastoral Plan to move our Archdiocese into the future. Keep updated on the Synod link at our St. John's Website.

Questions? Contact Jill Fink, Coordinator of Adult Discipleship at finkj@stjohnnyb.org or 651.633.1540 ext. 1280



#### Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center in Prior Lake MN

December 3-5, Serenity Retreat - for those recovering from addictions - Theme: *Keeping the Promises of AA alive in chaotic times.* 

December 10 - 12, Men's Weekend Retreat: "Hope Rising; Revisioning our Dream." Men, Remain joyful leaders of your families by experiencing our new theme [started in September 2021] "Hope Rising; Revisioning our Dream." Experience four compelling talks interspersed with restorative periods of free time for prayer, journaling, hiking or rest.

Both retreats include opportunities for unhurried confession, one on one spiritual direction, guided prayer sessions and anointing of the sick. Dive deeply into your faith to re-energize mentally, physically and spiritually.

Register online at <a href="https://www.franciscanretreats.net">www.franciscanretreats.net</a>. or by calling at 952-447-2182 See our website for safety procedures at Franciscan Retreats



The NET Team and Chris Stefanick!

CEND is excited to have Chris Stefanick launch the Joe Davis Speaker Series; presenting speakers for inspiration, education and dialogue

Chris Stefanick: Living Joy - The NET team is organizing a group of young adults to attend Chris Stefanick's talk about how to receive joy in life and the Church! It will be held at the Church of St. Patrick in Edina on Tuesday 11/30 at 6pm. For more details, please email Camryn at <a href="mailto:neteam@stjohnnyb.org">neteam@stjohnnyb.org</a>.

It's a two for one you don't want to miss! Hope to see you there!

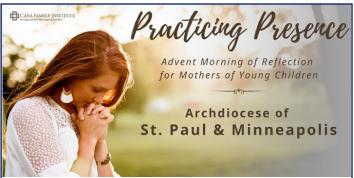


"Love is acceptance. When you love someone... you take them into your heart, and that is surely why it hurts so much when we lose someone we love, because we lose a part of ourselves."

UNSPEAKABLE JOY!

-Saint Andrew the Apostle (Feast Day November 30)

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



# Mothers of young children, a special morning just for you!

Cana's annual Advent Morning of Reflection is December 11th! Don't miss this unique chance to step away for a quiet, prayerful morning to prepare your heart for Advent. Join us for Mass, breakfast and dynamic speakers as we reflect on practicing presence and living in the moment to receive the gift of God's grace!

Advent Morning of Reflection December 11 8:30am-12:00pm

> St. Raphael's Church 7301 Bass Lake Road New Hope, MN 55428

#### Are you proficient in Spanish?

Are you interested in helping immigrants to learn English so they can be better equipped to settle in the U.S.? Since our free Compassionate Care Clinic in June, we have been involved with some of our guests from that day and are finding ways to interact and welcome them as our neighbors. Helping them learn English will help immensely in their ability to hold a job and get an education to improve their life and the lives of their families. You can be instrumental in that transformation. Contact Mary Kohlhaas at 651.633.8333 x1229 or at kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org for more information. We'd love to have your help!

Have you remembered St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in your will? Let Mary May know at 651-633-8333 ext. 1253

#### **Holiday Concert**

The Irondale High School Music Department invites the community to our annual **Seniors to Seniors Holiday Concert** on **Thursday, December 16** at **12:30 p.m**. The Concert Choir, Symphonic Winds, and Symphony Orchestra will perform a free holiday concert for parents, grandparents, and community members. Come enjoy beautiful music! Masks are required in all Mounds View Schools Buildings.

For further details, please contact: Jason Etten at 651-621-6847 or jason.etten@moundsviewschools.org

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