

December 5, 2021
Second 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:
Preparing for the Christ Child

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Church Nursery: We offer year-round nursery during both the 8:30am and 10:30am Sunday Masses for children ages 1-3. Children play with caring staff while you are able to fully participate in Mass.

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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, December 6, 2021

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass (Lee Forgy) Church ~ Fr. Doug
9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Church
3:00 PM Litany of Restoration ~ Facebook
7:00 PM RCIA Class ~ 211
7:00 PM Library Committee Meeting ~ Library
7:00 PM Baptism Class ~ 206

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass (Darwin Larson +) Church ~ Fr. Doug
9:00 AM Sunday Scripture ~ 204
9:30 AM Maternity Closet ~ 203
3:00 PM Litany of Restoration ~ Facebook
5:30 PM Arts and Environment ~ 204
6:30 PM Evangelical Catholic Live
7:00 PM School Band Concert ~ Church
7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society ~ 210

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

6:30 AM Mass (Pro Populo) Church ~ Fr. Doug
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass (Mark and Delores Lundeen) 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 (Dale Dufault +) Church ~ Fr. Paul
6:30 PM Middle School Youth Room ~ LL 106
7:00 PM Mass (Arturo Ochosa +) Church ~ Fr. Doug
7:00 PM Adult Choir Meeting ~ LL 101
8:00 PM Senior High School Group ~ LL 106

Thursday, December 9, 2021

6:30 AM Men's Fellowship ~ St. Joseph Hall
8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass (Ashlyn Lee +) Church ~ Fr. Paul
9:15 AM Circle of Women ~ St. Joseph Hall
2:30 PM Middle School Open Youth Room
3:00 PM Litany of Restoration ~ Facebook
6:00 PM Catholic Watchmen ~ St. Joseph Hall
6:30 PM Knights of Columbus District Meeting ~ 211

Friday, December 10, 2021

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass (Ray and Lorraine Bonine +) Church ~ Fr. Paul
9:30 AM Legion of Mary ~ 204
3:00 PM Litany of Restoration ~ Facebook
7:00 PM Extreme Faith Night ~ LL 106

Saturday, December 11, 2021

9:30 AM Offsite Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion Training ~ 210
3:00 PM Litany of Restoration ~ Facebook
3:15 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
4:30 PM Mass ~ RCIA Rite of Acceptance and Welcome ~ (Mark Waite +) Church ~ Fr. Paul

Sunday, December 12, 2021

New Member Welcome After Masses

8:30 AM Mass (Paul Tinh Vu +) Church ~ Fr. Paul
8:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery
8:30 AM Sunday School ~ School Classrooms
9:15 AM RCIC ~ 211
9:30 AM Expectant Parents Blessing ~ Church
10:30 AM Mass (Dorothy Montag +) Church ~ Fr. Paul
10:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery
10:30 AM Sunday School ~ School Classrooms
3:00 PM Litany of Restoration ~ Facebook
5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
5:30 PM Mass (Pro Populo) Church ~ Fr. Paul
6:45 PM Confirmation Preparation ~ LL 106



From Ms. Ann Laird, School Principal

*"Put off, O Jerusalem, the garment of thy mourning, and affliction:
and put on the beauty, and honor of that everlasting
glory which thou hast from God."*

-Baruch 5:1

As we enter the wonderful season of Advent and are awaiting the coming of the Lord, St. John the Baptist Catholic School wants to reflect on the great work that has begun to restore us to life and look toward to the future.

At the start of the school year, 329 K-8 students and 65 preschoolers have filled our school with life and joy. We returned almost back to normal operations with volunteers, our Non-public Marathon, All Saints Party, class parties, and in person events to help us build back the community we missed last year. While many things are getting back to normal, we have made some changes as well as we work to invite our students and families to encounter the Lord. We are working on implementing the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program and will begin classes in the new year. Throughout the school year, each grade will invite their families to join us for Mass and a short program followed by fellowship. These Faith, Family, and Fellowship mornings allow our school to share a pivotal source of life, the Mass with our families, and to also have time for conversation with each other and classmates.

In addition to our everyday opportunities to be restored in the life of Christ, we will have the opportunity to be together many times over the coming months. We will receive the sacrament of reconciliation, journey together this Advent season, and celebrate with families at our annual Christmas Concert. Our Middle School will continue their monthly adoration, several families will prepare for Sacraments both in RCIC with some of our school families as well as our 2nd grade, and we look forward to encountering Jesus during our all-school retreat at Holy Week. While we are restoring our spiritual life, we will continue to find ways to grow and build community through our Catholic School's Week celebrations and Wines to Wishes fundraising event.

As we enter the new year, we look forward to more opportunities to continue to restore life to our school and families. Be assured of our prayers as you are restored to life and please pray for us this Advent season.

In Christ,
Ann Laird



CIRCLE OF WOMEN! THURSDAY, December 9, St. Joseph's Hall, 9:30 am ADVENT BRUNCH

We are SO excited to welcome women of all ages, together for fellowship, formation and prayer during our Advent Brunch on Thursday! We are looking forward to hearing Jessica Balzarini's talk, "*Restored to Abundant Life*" while enjoying a delicious brunch and drawings for fabulous prizes. If you have never been to Circle of Women before, this would be a great time to check it out - grab a friend and join us! Childcare is available. Grab one of our brochures from the kiosks or watch your Flocknote for details. Any questions? Call Michelle (763.442.4936) or Carrie (612.275.2236). Hope to see you there!

Preparing for the Christ Child!

Senior Sparks Advent Party

The CCW and Widows/Widowers Group are co-sponsoring 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.

Cost: \$6 ~ RSVP by December 13 to Rita Arndorfer
Email: Arndorferr@stjohnnyb.org

Sunday School

Save the Date! Sunday School will be performing their Christmas program during hospitality after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, December 19th. All are welcome to attend and enjoy!

Be Prepared for Advent!

It's not too late to start the Season of Advent! St. John's is providing the following:

- † An online Advent Retreat created by Chris Stefanick called, *LIVING JOY 9 Rules that will Change your Life*. Sign up here <https://coaching.reallifecatholic.com/living-joy> Content is free until December 31, so no worries if you miss a few along the way! Cards can be found at the Harvest Table.
- † If you tired of the virtual online scene and you prefer something in your hands Chris Stefanick's book *LIVING JOY 9 Rules to Help you Rediscover and Live JOY Every Day* is available at the Welcome Desk for \$10.
- † The Advent 1% Challenge is based on the Gospel of Luke this year. 1% of your day is just 15 minutes. Cards can be found at the Harvest Table.

Tools for the holidays! How to Share Your Faith... and How Not to!

With the holidays underway and plenty of meetings with family and friends, how do we navigate those tough conversations around faith. Or how do we gently prompt that one person who is so close to faith but may need just a gentle nudge. Join us for our **Faith Story Workshop** and receive encouragement and practical tips this **Tuesday, December 7 from 6:30 - 8pm**. We are excited to invite Andre Lesperance Senior Content Creator and Ministry Consultant with Evangelical Catholic (EC). St. John's has been partnering with EC since 2019 as we continue to develop the Mission Process and become an evangelizing parish.

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

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!



First Reconciliation families are encouraged to bring their workbook to hospitality after Mass on December 5th and check in with Jen Livermont or Jill Fink in St. Joseph's Hall. Show us your hard work completing lessons 1-8 and receive a special gift!



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!*

Family Formation

Our December Family Formation speaker was Fr. Paul. He gave a talk, "Cross My Heart! The Lord Keeps His Promises" which is available to view on our YouTube channel [here](#). We ended with Adoration with reflection on the first Joyful Mystery and an invitation for families to finish the rosary at home throughout the week and continue praying the rosary during Advent.

Our January meeting will move to the second Wednesday of the month, January 12th. Our talk will be "A Match Made in Heaven" on the sacrament of matrimony.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

"Man has a noble task: That of prayer and love. To pray and love, that is the happiness of man on earth."

-St. Jean Marie Baptiste Vianney

Be happy, schedule your hour in the adoration chapel. These are open hours that need to be filled. Monday midnight, 2am; Tuesday midnight; 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:

Jamie Besch, Patricia Kadrie, Dorothy LaMere

Those who are ill:

Ed 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 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, Dennis Fox, Kathleen Schopf, Tom Miskowic, Bob 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.

BIRTHRIGHT Caring help for pregnant women.
(651) 646-7033 Saint Paul, (763) 757-0715 Coon Rapids

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16,
18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6;
Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe "Patroness of the Unborn"



Expectant Parents Blessing December 12, 2021

Parents expecting a new baby or adopting one in the near future, are invited to join us for a special blessing immediately after the 8:30 AM Mass. No reservations required.

Sponsored by St. John's Respect Life group

Restored to Life! Core Commitment 2022

Core commitment forms continue to come in - thank you! If you have not yet returned your form, it is not too late. Please return via the collection at any Mass or to the parish office, by mail or signing up online.

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!

Close out the Year of St. Joseph with a talk and some prayer time.

St. Joseph's fatherhood leads us to the Fatherhood of God. Join parishioner, Steve Broszko, as he helps us reflect on the Our Father and then take that knowledge into a guided prayer time. There will be 2 options for the talk.

Parish Wide Event: Monday, December 6 at
6:30-7:30 pm in St. Joseph Hall

Catholic Watchmen: Thursday, December 9 at 6:30 pm in
St. Joseph Hall (for men only)

****This event opens an opportunity to parishioners to receive a Plenary Indulgence.** To receive the indulgence, one would need to meet the usual conditions: Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father within 20 days of the above event however it is fitting to receive Communion and pray for the Holy Father's intentions on the day.

SJB PARISH LIBRARY NEWS – BOOK FAIR GIVEAWAY

The SJB Parish Library BOOK FAIR GIVEAWAY is back!!! It starts this weekend (12/4-5), after the 4:30 Sat. evening Mass, and will continue after all the Sunday morning and Sunday evening Masses. Many generous donations of books and other religious items were received while we were closed during the last 1 ½ years when we closed during the Covid Pandemic. Thank you All! Surplus and duplicate items that the Library cannot use will be given away FREE!!! Books, DVD's, CD's, and religious items such as crucifixes, rosaries, medals, prayer cards, religious pictures, etc., all are FREE!!! Any questions, call Jeannie Kratzer @ 612-406-9387, no texting.

RCIA Update

RCIA Rite of Welcoming & Acceptance will be celebrated with our catechumens and candidates at the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday, December 11. Please join in prayer with our RCIA class of adults who are preparing for the initiating sacraments in the church. At this Rite, the catechumens (unbaptized) and candidates (baptized seeking full communion) publicly declare their intention to continue their journey toward full communion with the Catholic Church. At this Rite, they are asked if they are ready to listen to the apostles' instruction, gather with the worshipping community in prayer, and join that community in the love and service of others. They are signed with the cross to show that they belong to Christ. Members of the parish community should affirm that they are ready to help and support the RCIA participants seeking to follow Christ by prayer and example.

For more information on RCIA contact Jill Fink, Coordinator of Adult Discipleship 651.633.8333 ext. 1280
finkj@stjohnnyb.org

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: sheat@stjohnnyb.org.

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



Stocking Stuffing Party: Update!

The NET team's Stocking Stuffing Party on 11/19 was a huge success! Because of many people's generosity, we decorated and stuffed more than 50 stockings full of toiletries for Catholic Charities Twin Cities to give to the homeless; in fact, we had so many donations, we ran out of stockings! Many thanks and blessings to all the middle schoolers who came to stuff the stockings and for all who provided donations; your service and witness to the Gospel will give hope and joy to many this Christmas season!



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!

SAVE THE DATE:

EXTREME FAITH CAMP/CATHOLIC YOUTH SUMMER CAMP
JUNE 19th-June 24th, 2022

Registration Open December 15, 2021 open for current 6th-8th graders!

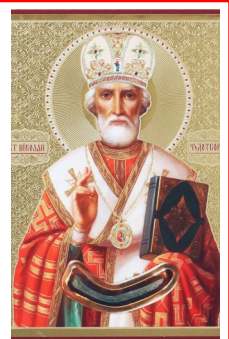
Registration Open February 1, 2022 open for current 5th grade students!

Immaculate Conception Party!

December 8th, 2022 – 7 pm MASS (it's a holy day of obligation!) 8 pm – Party and Hospitality in the Youth Room
Join us for fun Christmas games, Hot Chocolate and Cookies!

"The giver of every good and perfect gift has called upon us to mimic God's giving, by grace, through faith, and this is not of ourselves."

-Saint Nicholas
(Feast Day December 6)



Experience the Joy of Giving!

2021 Wish List

Has the Lord provided an abundance of gifts to you and your family in this past year? Are you able to consider an extra gift to St. John the Baptist over and above your regular, ongoing support? If so, please consider a special donation to our parish and/or school to support the purchase of a 2021 Wish List item. These items are not included in our current budget but would enhance our worship and ministries. Please contact Mark Dittman or Mary May in the parish office if you have any questions or would like to support our parish in this way.*

Thank you for living out our core value of generosity!

Worship

Condenser Microphones – these capture more sound and contribute to a fuller onsite and online experience. 2 needed; \$250 each

Audio Monitors – help musicians hear each other better when playing music: 2 needed; \$700 each

New Mixer to Enhance Sound Quality – \$12,500.

Bronze Garden of Life Chapel sign – identifies the Garden of Life Chapel, which features Our Lady of Guadalupe as the Patroness of the Unborn – \$1,000

Discipleship and Mission

Monitors and Computers for 2nd floor meeting rooms in the Pastoral Center – rooms 204, 207, 208 and 210 – \$2,000 each, \$8,000 total

Large Screen TV (40-50 inch) with a portable stand, DVD player and sound amplifier, to be used in spaces not equipped with a mounted TV – \$1,000

Large Portable Screen for use in main church for Faith Formation (180”) - \$1,500

Portable, Pop-Up Style Screen – easy set-up for meetings around our church campus - \$400

Outdoor projection screen – could be used for Lectio on the Lawn or other outdoor events - \$500

Audio-visual cart for the Pastoral Center - \$200

Cart with wheels for meeting set-up and events - \$150

Youth Ministry

Updating of Youth Room: carpeting, paint, furniture. These improvements will make the room more functional and attractive for our growing numbers of participating youth – \$10,000.



**If you know of a business that could provide a discount on any of these items, we would also be happy to hear from you!*

Maintenance/Physical Plant

Restroom Upgrade – new countertop and sinks with hands free faucets in upper level Pastoral Center restrooms - \$18,000

Stations of the Cross Garden (south side of the church) – replacement of deteriorating boards and nameplates – \$3,000

New Bobcat Skid Steer. Our current Bobcat is old, has limited load capacity, and can be difficult to maneuver. We use the Bobcat for a variety tasks, including unloading semi-truck deliveries and snow removal. \$30,000

A Scissor Lift to be used in the church, St. Paul Plaza or school gymnasium for access to high areas. Presently we borrow or rent a lift, and we use ladders in places where a lift might serve better. \$25,000



Office Upgrades

Portable Stand-Up Desks to provide ergonomic upgrade for staff workspaces – 2 requested; \$200 each

School

Cafeteria tables – 10 needed; \$1,900 each

Touch Math Intervention Kits:

Touch Math Intervention Kits can help educators to personalize lessons for those students struggling with math concepts.

Intervention Kits for grades Kindergarten, first, second and third - \$325 each

Desktop Touchlines - \$27

Touch Point Classroom Set - \$115

Total for Touch Math Intervention kits: \$1442

Water Bottle Filling Stations:

To reduce the spread of germs and keep our kids in school where they learn best, we have replaced three water fountains with water bottle filling stations for students to fill their own water bottles. The remaining water fountains have been turned off. With the increase in our student population it would be of great benefit to replace the remaining four water fountains with water bottle filling stations.

Elkay EZH2O Bottle Filling Station and Cooler - \$1,075 each

12 pack Elkay Replacement Filters (each filter lasts approximately 6 months) - \$650

Total for 4 Bottle Filling Stations and a 12 pack of filters - \$5,000

Give in Gratitude

A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests. Your gift to next week's second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous!

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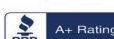
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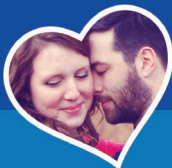


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