# February 13, 2022 6th 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

> Blessed are the poor in spirit: the reign of God is theirs.

Beatitudes

Blessed are the sorrowing: they shall be consoled.

Blessed are the lowly they shall inherit the land.

Blessed are the who hunger and thirst for holiness they shall have their fill.

Blessed are they who show mercy: mercy shall be theirs.

Blessed are the single-hearted: for they shall see God.

> Blessed are the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those persecuted for holiness' sake: **the reign of God is theirs.** 

<u>Week Focus:</u>

Restored to Wholeness through the Beatítudes

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Monday8 AM - 8 PMTuesday8 AM - 8 PMWednesday8 AM - 8 PMThursday8 AM - 8 PMFriday8 AM - 7 PMSaturday9 AM - 5:30 PMSunday8 AM - 5:30 PM						
<b>Church Nursery:</b> 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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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, February 14, 2022 8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals 8:30 AM Mass (Angeline Carlotto +) Church ~ Fr. Doug 9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Church 3:00 PM Litany of Restoration ~ Facebook 6:30 PM Library Committee Meeting ~ Library 7:00 PM RCIA Class ~ 211 Tuesday, February 15, 2022 8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals 8:30 AM Mass (Katherine LaBore +) Church ~ Fr. Doug 9:30 AM Maternity Closet ~ 203 9:30 AM RCIA ~ 211 3:00 PM Litany of Restoration ~ Facebook 5:30 PM PLC Meeting ~ St. Joseph Hall Wednesday, February 16, 2022 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals 8:30 AM Mass (Bill and Kathy Spitzmueller) Church ~ Fr. Doug 9:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks ~ St. Therese 9:30 AM Faithfully Fit ~ 210 9:30 AM 2022 Winter Scripture Study ~ 206 3:00 PM Litany of Restoration ~ Facebook 5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals 5:30 PM Mass (Living/Deceased of Bennetts and Gillett Families) Church ~ Fr. Jaspers 6:30 PM Family Formation Catechist Training ~ 211 7:00 PM Adult Choir ~ LL 101 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting ~ 210 8:00 PM Senior High School Youth Group ~ LL 106 Thursday, February 17, 2022

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. Al Backmann 9:15 AM Circle of Women ~ 206 2:30 PM Middle School Open Youth Room ~ LL106 3:00 PM Litany of Restoration ~ Facebook 6:30 PM Presence Eucharist Study ~ 206 7:00 PM RM Training Groups ~ St. Joseph Hall

#### Friday, February 18, 2022

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

Saturday, February 19, 2022 8:30 AM RCIA Retreat ~ Off Site 10:00 AM NET: Open Team Prayer ~ Chapel of the Angels 3:00 PM Litany of Restoration ~ Facebook 3:15 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals 4:30 PM Mass (Julie Hammer +) Church ~ Fr. Jaspers 5:00 PM Intercessory Prayer Ministry ~ Chapel of the Angels Sunday, February 20, 2022 8:30 AM Mass (Charlie Speck +) Church ~ Fr. Jaspers 8:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery 8:30 AM Sunday School ~ School Classrooms 9:00 AM Intercessory Prayer Ministry ~ Chapel of the Angels 9:15 AM RCIC ~ 211 10:30 AM Mass (Floyd Udermann +) Church ~ Fr. Jaspers 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. Jaspers

# From Jessica Balzarini, Director of Parish Life



"Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is in the Lord..." ~ Jeremiah 17:7

In our first reading today, we see the stark contrast between a life that is cursed and a life that is blessed. It shows us a real truth about a life that trusts in human beings and one whose heart is turned away from the Lord. The words used are vivid: barren, empty lava waste. Equally as striking, we see a blessed life as one who trusts in the Lord and has hope. A blessed life brings life giving water, living without fear. A life full of spiritual and physical health is a life that will bear much fruit.

Only Jesus can restore us to life and provide the way to the blessed life that is proclaimed to us today. In God's beautiful design, He uses each of us to help one another find the way to Him. Lent is just around the corner, and there will be many opportunities and resources to help you grow in order to be restored and blessed.

One suggestion is - don't do Lent alone. Think about joining a small group! If you are like me, you may have tried to pray more or read Scripture for Lent, only to peter out and fall short of your goals. A small group gives you a supportive and encouraging community that can make your Lent so much more meaningful, and Easter that much more joyful.

These small groups are designed to draw adults into a friendship with Jesus and one another. There are no teachers or experts in small groups. We learn and grow together. We have trained parishioners to facilitate open-ended conversations that will:

- t Discuss life and faith
- t Reflect on God's Word together, applying the Sunday readings to daily life
- † Seek God together
- t Pray for and with one another

Some parishioners in our community are launching new groups during our Lent 2022 Season of Encounter Small Groups. Check out our website for the online Interest Form. It can be found by link on our home page or under the Reach More tab under Adult Formation. Leaders with clipboards will be available in the back of Church and throughout the St. Paul Plaza this weekend.

### *In Christ* Jessica Balzarini



# <u>Restored to Wholeness!</u>

#### Save the Dates:



**Totus Tuus** will be the week of August 1-5 for students entering grades 1-6. Registration will begin in March.



**Vacation Bible School** will be June 14–16 from 9-noon for children in preschool through those entering Kindergarten. Registration will begin in March.

#### Tuesday "Sunday Morning Scripture" Class

This class has been going on since about 2003. We are going to take a break to evaluate what has been and what we can do for the future. Will keep you all posted.



God Bless!



Círcle of Women

#### CIRCLE OF WOMEN, THURSDAY, February 17, upstairs in Room 206/208 at 9:15 am -11:30 am

We welcome women of all ages, together for fellowship, formation and prayer on Thursday, February 17. We are looking forward to welcoming back Brianna St. Amour and listening to her talk on, "Restoring Trust in His Holiness." 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!

#### **First Sacraments Kickoff Update**

Our First Sacrament students did a scavenger hunt around the church with Fr. Paul as they learned about all of the different areas of the church and sanctuary during their First Sacraments Kickoff. Pray for them as they work towards receiving their First Communion.





# Loyal | Faithful | True

Women, come join us for our next gathering on February 23. Social time at 7:30 pm with introduction at 8:00 pm.

Contact Jessica for more information: Balzarinij@stjohnnyb.org

#### Don't do Lent alone! Join a Small Group.

Let's be honest, it's hard to follow Jesus sometimes! We don't always know what our faith in him really means for us, or how the Mass or the Bible matters to our everyday lives. Too often we lack the peace, joy, and strength that we need; and should be experiencing as Catholic Christians.

It's difficult to choose good life changing things to work on throughout Lent and stick to them. A small group can give you the supportive and encouraging community you need to help make your Lent much more meaningful.

Our upcoming season begins the week of Ash Wednesday February 27-March 5. Your first session will depend on your day and time!

Our leaders are ready for questions and to help with the Interest Form after all the masses in the Plaza. You can't miss them they have clipboards! We have Small Group Interest Cards available online and at a Table in the Plaza. Very limited space this season. Sign up today!

#### **Spiritual Adoption Update**

Your spiritually adopted baby is now at the halfway point to birth, and the baby is very active. Sleep habits develop and the mother can feel him or her move and

stretch, particularly when Mom is resting. Baby is big and strong enough to kick hard against the outer uterine wall and dent it. Up to now, although he or she swam with ease in his or her watery world, the baby was too small for the mother to detect because the inside wall of the uterus has no feeling. Babies born at this



age have survived! Visit the Spiritual Adoption Table in the Saint Paul Plaza to view a bigger photo of your baby's fifth month of growth and development!

#### **INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY**

St. John the Baptist's **Intercessory Prayer Ministry (IPM)** teams provide monthly individual prayer ministry one weekend a month after Mass in the Chapel of Angels, usually the second or third weekend of the month.

We often need prayer for family, faith, health, work, relationships and other challenges in life. The IPM teams will pray with you to bring those needs before the Lord as intercession, which together seeks the Lord's merciful help and loving comfort. Come to the Chapel of the Angels after the scheduled Mass times.

Our next Intercessory Prayer Ministry will be: Saturday, FEBRUARY 19, after the 4:30 Mass & Sunday, FEBRUARY 20, after the 8:30 Mass.

"Therefore . . . pray for one another that you may be healed. The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful."

~ James 5:16,17



"Indeed, the mystery of Christ runs the risk of being disbelieved precisely because it is so incredibly wonderful."

~ Saint Cyril of Alexandria (Feast Day February 14)

#### The church baptizes at all ages!

A preparation process is lovingly provided to celebrate the sacrament fruitfully. Parent/child Baptism sessions begin with children age 3. If you have an older child or are an adult that would like to be baptized, contact Jill Fink with questions: <u>finkj@stjohnnyb.org</u> or 651-633-8333 ext. 1280.

## **PERPETUAL ADORATION**

"Prayer begins by talking to God, but it ends by listening to Him. In the face of Absolute Truth, silence is the soul's language."

~ Venerable Fulton Sheen

Take time to talk and listen to God during your scheduled hour in the Adoration chapel. These are the open hours:

Monday midnight, 2am; Tuesday midnight; Thursday 3am; Friday 2am; Saturday 1am, 5am.

Prayer partners are needed Monday 2pm, Tuesday noon and 10pm, and Friday 1pm.

Call Kathy 763-464-3985 or Mark 651-245-6493 for more information and to sign up.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Those who have entered eternal life:

Stephen A. Odenigbo (father of Stephen Odenigbo) 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, Geraldine and Greg Najbert, 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, 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, Diana Goebel, Cindy Chase, Charles Heath, Danielle Pratt (Bourdeaux), Claire and Mel Kriz, Ruth Mueller, Carol Esterley-Ruff, Joe Brownrigg, Brigit Voss

*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: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13 Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21 Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26 Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33 Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1 Saturday: Jas 3:1-10; Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8; Mk 9:2-13 Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38 Dear All at St. John's,

May God bless you all for faithful support of Sharing and Caring Hands. Your generous support in all things such as food, gifts and gift cards, and blankets, has made a big difference in many poor lives. Thank you so much.

May God continue to bless you all with His grace. I will keep you in my prayers.

Yours in Christ, through Mary, Mary Jo Copeland

#### **Tax Savings When You Donate Stock**

If you have owned stock for a year or more and it has appreciated in value, we invite you to consider donating it to St. John the Baptist. Instead of selling stock and then donating the proceeds, you can donate stock directly to St. John's and support Sunday Giving or another ministry designation of your choice. You save on federal capital gains tax, and you may be able to claim an income tax deduction for the stock's market value at the time of donation. For more information, please contact Mark Dittman or Mary May in the parish office at 651-633-8333. Thank you!

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



# Follow Saint Johns on Instagram

Want to keep up with what is going on at Saint John the Baptist Church even more? Follow us on our relatively new parish Instagram account! We post pictures, updates from events, Catholic trivia and information about the saint of the day!

Scan the code or look us up @stjohnnyb\_church

If you take some nice pictures at an SJB event please feel free to send them to us and we will post them and tag you!

We look forward to seeing you on Instagram!





#### Sell your car through the Knights & support St. John's!

Make a tax deductible cash donation from the sale of your car, van or truck.

The Knights of Columbus will manage the marketing, sale and transfer of title. Proceeds will be used to support the ministries of St. John the Baptist Church and School. Please contact Larry Paron of the Knights for more information at 612-400-4274.



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#### Become a Creighton Practitioner!

Twin Cities Fertility Care Center is growing our Creighton Model System practitioner team. Our goal is to serve even more women, couples, and families with authentic, lifegiving fertility and natural family planning instruction. Our current practitioner team serves clients throughout the Twin Cities Metro and beyond, thanks in large part to the opportunity for virtual instruction. We'd love for you (or someone you know) to join us.

We will be holding a Creighton Practitioner Training at our new office location - the newly remodeled Wakota Guiding Star building in West St. Paul. We will be accepting applications for this training through March 20th. Contact Alice Schwantes at alice@tcnfp.org for more information or if you have any questions!



#### **NET Team Housing Needed!**

With only a few months left with us, now is your chance to take the next big steps in Christian charity by opening up your homes to our NET Team, Camryn, John Paul, Samantha, Madison, Trinity, Stephen, Angel and Thomas. They have all been such a blessing to our parish and they need a place to stay till early May!

Please consider housing our NET Team members for two or four weeks! It's a decision that could be spiritually life changing for you, your family and for our NET Team.

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



All middle school girls are invited to a galentines party with donuts, painting, and games in the SJB Youth Room! Make sure to invite your friends and join us to celebrate!



Thursday Mornings 6:30 - 8:00 am

February 17 - February 24, 2022

# Why We Confess - DVD Series by Dr. Brant Petre

When it comes to the Catholic Church in our time, perhaps the most frequently asked question is: "Why do I have to confess my sins to a priest?" It is often followed by two others: "Why can't I just go straight to God? Where is the sacrament of confession in the Bible?"

In Why We Confess, Dr. Brant Pitre gives an eye-opening Bible study on the origins and meaning of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, commonly known as "Confession."

Many of us know Catholics who haven't been to Confession in years, even decades. Maybe you are one of them. Whoever you are -- if you've ever wondered about the biblical roots of this sacrament, then Why We Confess is the Bible Study for you.

Come for the donuts, stay for the truth!! Questions, call Dave @ 612-616-4013

## Sunday Giving Summary January 2022

- For January 2022 we are 17% above budget.
- Sunday giving is less than 1% below budget for the fiscal year to date, July through January.
- For the 2021/22 fiscal year, we budgeted a 5.6% increase in Sunday giving over actual 2020/21 giving. Sunday giving is thus far nearly matching that increase!
- We are grateful for your many gifts! Thank you!

For more information or questions, please contact Mark Dittman, Director of Business Operations, at 651-633-8333, ext. 1215 or dittmanm@stjohnnyb.org.

Every gift you make promotes our core values and restores us to life! Thank you all for your reliance on prayer, your willingness to grow and your generous spirit!

	Actual	Budget	Variance
January 2022	\$ 50,010	\$ 42,651	\$ 7,359
July 2021 - January 2022	\$ 1,393,768	\$ 1,404,867	\$ (11,099)

## St. John's Respect Life

We are a group of men and women who have been faithfully meeting for over 40 years at St. John's. In a society that glorifies violence, we reject its solutions to problem pregnancies and terminal illness. In a humane, civilized society, we believe that caring for and helping expectant mothers is a non-violent option to abortion, as hospice is a caring option to euthanasia.

#### **Our Mission**

By our prayers and works, we strive to open hearts and minds to the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. Our particular focus is to work to eliminate abortion and euthanasia.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

St. John's Maternity/Baby Closet Mother's Day Corsage Project Fall Fest Culver's Custard Stand Baby Bush – each June Archdiocese January "March for Life" Educating parish youth on Respect Life Issues 40 Days for Life prayer service (October) Support Prolife Pregnancy Centers

**Meetings** - We meet on the 4th Tuesday of most months at 6:30 pm. Please join us!

Please pray daily for our leaders in Church and government. And keep the Supreme Court Justices in your prayers as they deal with important issues of life, family and liberty. Pray for them by name:

- Chief Justice John Roberts
- Justice Clarence Thomas
- Justice Stephen Breyer
- Justice Samuel Alito
- Justice Sonia Sotomayor
- Justice Elena Kagan
- Justice Neil Gorsuch
- Justice Brett Kavanaugh
- Justice Amy Coney Barrett

# Week Highlights in Pictures:

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