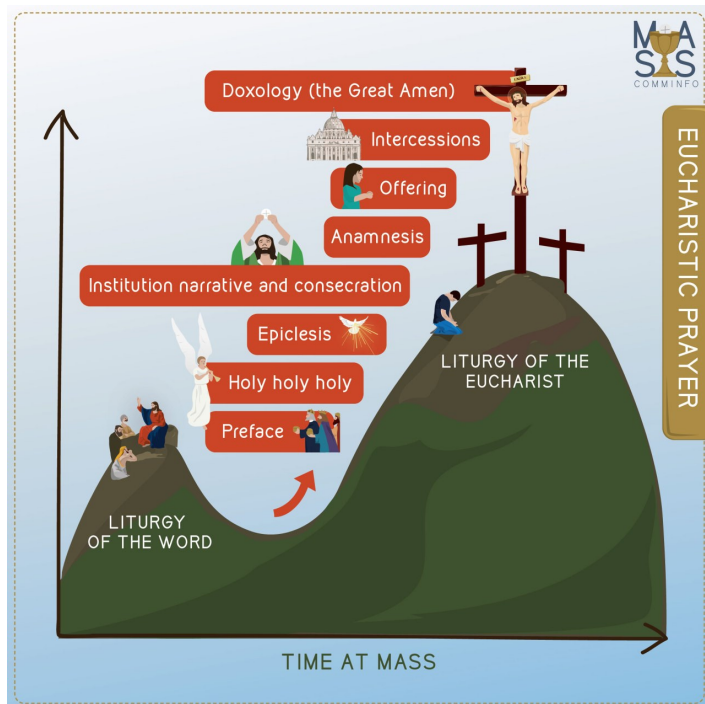
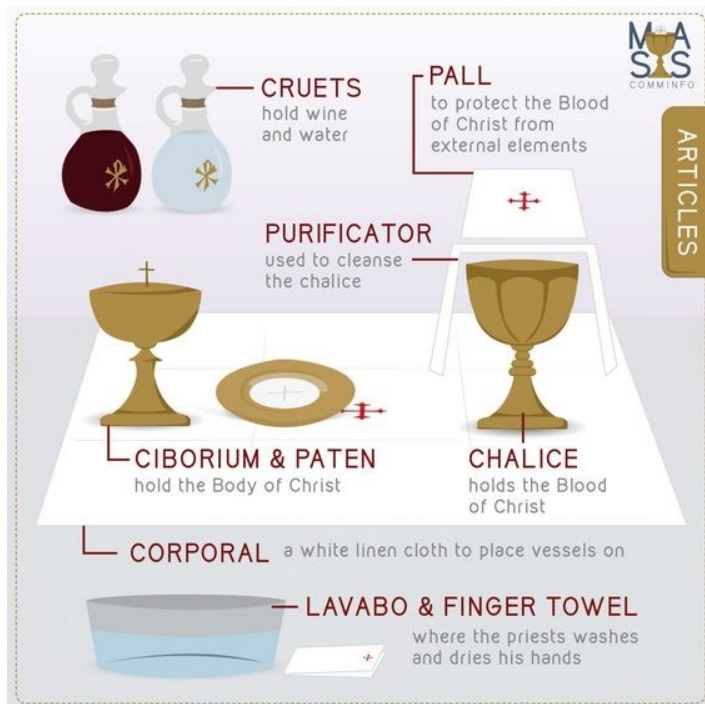


December 11, 2022 Third Sunday of Advent Called Forth into the Mass

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



Read Father Paul's letter inside the bulletin for more information
about the Liturgy of the Eucharist at Mass

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Monday	8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Thursday	8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Friday	8:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Saturday	9:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

PARISH LIBRARY HOURS

Sat. 5:30 PM; Sun. 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

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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EMAIL: sjb@stjohnnyb.org

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 12, 2022

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass (Teresa Hansen and Mariano Tupaz) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Church
 3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook
 6:30 PM Library Committee Meeting ~ Library
 7:00 PM Baptism Preparation Class ~ 206/208
 7:00 PM Rejoice Advent Pilgrimage ~ 210

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass (Harland and Patricia Stetson +) Church ~ Fr. Paul
 9:00 AM RM Point Person Training ~ 204
 9:30 AM Alive in the Word ~ 210
 9:30 AM Kidz Closet
 1:00 PM Quilters Ministry ~ 203
 2:30 PM Open Youth Room ~ LL 106
 3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook
 5:30 PM Commission Night Mass ~ Church
 6:00 PM Commission Meetings ~ St. Joseph Hall

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM School Mass (John Lundak +) Church ~ Fr. Paul
 9:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks ~ St. Therese
 9:30 AM Faithfully Fit ~ 208
 9:30 AM School Confessions ~ Church
 9:30 AM Rejoice Advent Pilgrimage ~ 206
 3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook
 5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 5:30 PM Mass (Joseph Modesette + and Richard Brennan) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 6:00 PM FF Catechist Training ~ 211
 6:00 PM Middle School Faith Formation ~ LL 106
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal ~ LL 101
 7:00 PM Contemporary Group Rehearsal ~ Church
 8:00 PM Senior High Youth Group ~ LL 106

Thursday, December 15, 2022

6:30 AM Men's Fellowship ~ St. Joseph Hall
 8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass (John Lundak + and Jim Witkowski) Church ~ Fr. Paul
 3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook
 6:30 PM School Band Concert ~ Church
 7:00 PM RCIA Class ~ 206

Friday, December 16, 2022

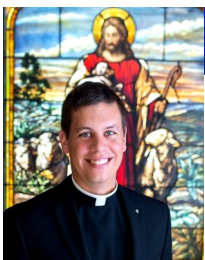
8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass (Delores Greenstein + and Cecelia Bay Thi Nguyen +) Church ~ Fr. Paul
 9:30 AM Legion of Mary ~ 204
 3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook
 6:30 PM Advent Mass ~ Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 7:00 PM Advent Adoration and Benediction ~ Church ~ Fr. Joseph

Saturday, December 17, 2022

9:00 AM GIFT Faith Study ~ 211
 3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook
 3:15 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 4:30 PM Mass (Leo Larson +) Church ~ Fr. Paul
 5:30 PM Intercessory Prayer Ministry ~ Chapel of the Angels

Sunday, December 18, 2022 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Mass (Maria Trinh + and Joseph Nguyen +) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 8:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery
 9:30 AM Intercessory Prayer Ministry ~ Chapel of the Angels
 10:30 AM Mass (Loretta Witkowski +) Church ~ Fr. Paul
 10:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery
 10:30 AM Sunday School ~ School Classrooms
 11:30 AM Sunday School Christmas Program ~ St. Joseph Hall
 12:15 PM Baptisms ~ Church
 3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook
 3:30 PM Advent Communal Reconciliation ~ Church
 4:00 PM Young Adult Meditation on the Sunday Gospel ~ St. Therese Room
 5:30 PM Mass (Pro Populo) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 6:45 PM Confirmation Preparation ~ LL 106



From the Pastor: Father Paul Shovelain

3rd Sunday of Advent: Called Forth into the Mass

Liturgy of the Eucharist

The celebration of the Eucharist immediately following the Liturgy of the Word, dates back to right after Christ. In fact, St. Justin Martyr gives us this remarkable account,

“And we afterwards, continually, remind each other of these things. And the wealthy among us help the needy; and we always keep together; and for all things wherewith we are supplied, we bless the Maker of all through His Son Jesus Christ, and through the Holy Ghost. And on the day called Sunday, all who live in cities or in the country gather together to one place, and the memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as time permits; then, when the reader has ceased, the president verbally instructs, and exhorts to the imitation of these good things. Then we all rise together and pray, and, as we before said, **when our prayer is ended, bread and wine and water are brought, and the president in like manner offers prayers and thanksgivings, according to his ability, and the people assent, saying Amen; and there is a distribution to each, and a participation of that over which thanks have been given, and to those who are absent a portion is sent by the deacons. And they who are well to do, and willing, give what each thinks fit; and what is collected is deposited with the president, who succors the orphans and widows and those who, through sickness or any other cause, are in want, and those who are in bonds and the strangers sojourning among us, and in a word takes care of all who are in need.** But Sunday is the day on which we all hold our common assembly, because it is the first day on which God, having wrought a change in the darkness and matter, made the world; and Jesus Christ our Savior on the same day rose from the dead.”



The first part of the quote is clearly a documentation of the Liturgy of the Word. The part that is bolded is the Liturgy of the Eucharist. It is amazing to see the continuity in Church when we look back to early Church writings. We use bread, water, and wine, just like Christ did. We receive the Eucharist just as the apostles did. It is through the reception of the Eucharist that grace is given and unity in the Church is built up. Think about what a gift it is to receive Holy Communion and be in Communion with our Most High God.

Those who are able to receive Holy Communion is often a very sensitive subject, as people do not like to feel left out. However, it is not a matter of being left out, it's a matter of choosing to follow Christ according to the way He is calling you to in the Catholic Church. If you are not living in Communion with the Catholic Church, i.e. Protestant, non-Christian, atheist, etc., or are in the state of mortal sin, you should not receive Holy Communion. St. Paul speaks to this in his first letter to the Corinthians 11:27, “Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord.” We do have a God who is merciful and He gives a path back to receive Holy Communion. For those with mortal or serious sin, take advantage of the many opportunities to go to confession here at SJB. For those who would like to become Catholic or want to come back into the Catholic Church, please reach out to me and we can meet and discuss what needs to be done to receive Holy Communion.

In the celebration of the Eucharist, we participate in the Paschal Mystery, that is His life, death, and resurrection. We are given encouragement, inspired by Christ's sacrificial gift, to remember our need for God's mercy, and to restore our relationship with God through Christ Himself. Every time you celebrate Mass, you participate in the work of Christ and are given the opportunity to be drawn into deeper communion with Him.

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The purpose of the Mass is clearly articulated in the dialogues at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The priest states, "Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours will be acceptable to God our Father." The faithful respond, "May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of His name, for our good, and the good of all His Holy Church." We see here the Mass is about worshipping God by giving Him praise and glory for our benefit and that of all His Holy Church. Mass is not only for God but for us as well. We receive grace, strength, and inspiration through our participation. We are able to live more effectively in Communion with God and fulfill our purpose by staying in Communion with God through the celebration of the Eucharist.

Two things that are done differently during the Liturgy of the Eucharist at SJB than most Catholic Churches are when the people stand within the previously mentioned dialogue and the hymn of thanksgiving is sung rather than a closing song. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), which directs the flow of Mass, states right after the priest's words "the people rise and say..." I think it takes practice and coordination, but we have a good habit here at SJB, so good work in praying it together! The GIRM states after Holy Communion, "The priest may return to the chair. If appropriate, a sacred silence may be observed for a while, or a psalm or other canticle of praise or a hymn may be sung." There is no mention of a closing song in the GIRM. You can find the GIRM online if you would like to learn more about the directives of the Mass.

As the Father loves me, so I also love you!

Father Paul Shovelain

Advent Confession Times:

Special Advent Confession Times:

Sunday, December 18 at 3:30 pm—5:00 pm

- *Twelve priests will be hearing individual Confessions*

Tuesday, December 20 from 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm

Wednesday, December 21 from 3:00 pm - 5:15 pm

Our Regular Confession Times

Monday - Friday from 8:00 am - 8:20 am

Wednesday from 5:00 pm - 5:20 pm

Saturday from 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm

Sunday from 5:00 pm - 5:15 pm

Christmas Season Mass Times:

Christmas Eve ~ December 24

4:00 pm

6:00 pm

10:30 pm *with incense*

Christmas Day ~ December 25

8:30 am

10:30 am *with incense*

No 5:30 pm Mass

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Vigil ~ December 31

4:30 pm

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God ~ January 1

8:30 am

10:30 am *with incense*

5:30 pm

This Weekend at SJB

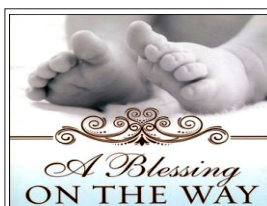
K of C Coffee Sale



The Knights of Columbus will once again conduct a Dunn Brothers coffee sale this weekend (December 10-11). Proceeds go to the Knights, supporting various parish and community activities. The Knights will be selling coffee in Saint Paul Plaza after the Saturday 4:30 PM Mass and the Sunday 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM Masses. We accept cash, check, or credit card. Thank you for supporting the Knights and their service to the Saint John's community!

New Parishioner Welcome

St. John's New Member Welcome is in St. Joseph Hall after all of the Masses this weekend (except for the Sunday, 5:30 pm Mass). Ask all your questions and get connected to your new spiritual home!



Expectant Parents Blessing December 11

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 8:30 AM Mass on December 11.

Faith Enrichment Opportunities at SJB

Journey to the Inn



Saturday, January 7, join us for Mass at 4:30 pm, followed by a pasta dinner sponsored by the Knights of Columbus for \$7/person; \$30/family. After dinner, we will begin our journey in the church with a Bible reading, singing and candlelight procession out of church to the living manger. We will sing Christmas carols as we follow the Wise Men to the stable with live animals. Hot cocoa and cookies to follow in St. Joseph Hall.

Called Forth Fridays this Advent!

Don't miss our last Called Forth Friday of Advent on December 16! Mass is at 6:30 pm followed by Adoration from 7:00 pm—8:00 pm.

Angel Tree 2022

Last weekend to get Angels back to Church, so that we can get them delivered. Please bring them to the Harvest Table.

Thank you to all who helped to make Christmas special!

Sister Clarinda's Sunday Scripture

Classes are on Tuesdays 9:30 am—11:00 am

First Class is on January 17, 2023

Register Early Fee is \$10. Online Registrations are open!

Please visit our website to register: <https://stjohnnb.com/faith-formation/registrations/>

SJB Women's Retreat Awaken

January 13-15 at Franciscan Retreat and Spirituality Center, Prior Lake, MN

Arrive by 6:00 pm and depart by 2:30 pm
Women 18+ from St. John's

The weekend will be spiritually filling, help you yield to the action of the Holy Spirit, become part of a community with whom you share your life and receive support, and be called forth into your next steps of faith in Christ.

Spots are starting to fill up, register soon!

Register on our parish website: <https://stjohnnb.com/faith-formation/registrations/>

Parish Calendars

The Parish's 2023 Calendars are available for pick-up this weekend. They are located under the tables with the worship aids in the plaza.

Please take one per family.

Many thanks to the Billman – Hunt Funeral Chapel who is the sponsor for our parish calendar.

Men's Fellowship

Thursday Mornings 6:30—8:00 am
December 15, 2022

*Purgatory and Praying for the Dead –
DVD Presentation by Robert Haddad*

Purgatory is one of the most contested and misunderstood of Catholic doctrines. The most common objection from Protestants is "Purgatory is not in the Bible!" Other objections include "to believe in Purgatory is to believe that Christ's work on the Cross was not sufficient!" In this presentation, Robert Haddad responds to these objections while giving a detailed outline of the Catholic doctrine on Purgatory. In addition to showing how common objections are baseless, Robert shows why Purgatory is necessary, and expounds on the many verses in Scripture that support it. Finally, Robert shows how belief in Purgatory has clear support in the writings of the Church Fathers, and was integral in the worship of the early Church.

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

Widows & Widowers

If you are single again, expected or not, for a long time or just recently, there is a community for you in this parish who understands. Do you ever wonder when you will adjust to the changes? Do you wonder how to fill the time now on your own? Come and join us for lunch and ask the questions on your heart of others who are where you are in life. Sometimes they can answer your questions, and sometimes it just helps to know they "get" what you are saying. That is the core of why we meet, as widows and widowers, in a comfortable, neutral place like Perkins on County Rd. D every 2nd Monday of the month at 11:30 am, rain or shine. **Next meeting is on Monday, December 12.**

Come and join us, bring a friend if you like and join the conversation, get to know one another, and don't worry – it doesn't always get deep, but we go where the conversation leads us! The free pie doesn't hurt either!

Contact Mary Kohlhaas for more information at 651.633.8333 x1229 or 763.242.4229 or kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org.

Generous Spirit Opportunities

Food Shelf News

We've got good news and not so good news, but you can fix it!! The good news is that in these days of inflation, holidays, and wintery cold, more people are coming to utilize our SJB Food Shelf! It is an amazing grace to see those who come have their needs met by the generosity of volunteers and YOU – there in the pew! Along with that good news comes a plea – we are in need of more donations – canned and boxed foods, paper products, laundry and cleaning products, etc. Whatever you can do is appreciated and used. Thank you. You are such a generous blessing to this parish – and beyond!

The SJB Kidz Closet

Needs for the SJB Kidz Closet continue to increase and we rely on all the generous donations to meet these needs. We would greatly appreciate specific donations of the following new or gently used items:

- † Coats 4T—8
- † Boots for kids ages 4—8

Thank you, for your generosity!

Wish List 2022

Have you had the chance to review St. John the Baptist's 2022 Wish List? You can find the full list on the Harvest Table, in last week's bulletin and on our web-site (www.stjohnnb.com).

Thank you for your generous support of our parish family! We are deeply grateful!



Intercessory Prayer Ministry

We often need prayer for family, faith, health, work, relationships, and other challenges in life. 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. Come to the Chapel of the Angels after the scheduled Mass times below.

Our next **Intercessory Prayer Ministry** will be:
Saturday, DECEMBER 17 after the 4:30 pm Mass and
Sunday, DECEMBER 18 after the 8:30 am 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

Please Pray For...

Those who have entered eternal life:
Dona Duffy, Patricia Thienes, John Riedle

Those who are ill:

Sadlovsky Family, Sheehan Family, Cameron Santos, Patricia Roy, Dave Willette, Madi Rippy, Sydney Jo Rippy, Jesse McDonough, Daryl Stevens, Richard Adams, Geraldine and 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, Cassie Cramer, Jon Clark, Donna Yenish, John Leibrich, Nella Pitzen, Marcy Eder, Doug Brekke, Philip Jarosz, Kay and Gary Mayer, Elaine Loscheider, Diana Goebel, Cindy Chase, Charles Heath, Danielle Pratt, Claire Kriz, Carol Esterley-Ruff, Joe Brownrigg, Brigit Voss, Brandon Boss, Cynthia Quass, Ning Mariano, The Viker Family, Robert Lauinger, Phyllis Norbeck and Jennifer Norbeck, Joseph Wutsch, John Wiggins, Mary Jo Beaudry, Greg Najbert, Colleen Judd, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Cele Winter, Paul Jacobs, Matthew Grosjean, Jeremy Mainello, Deacon Rod Palmer, Donna Swanson, Dottie Searles, Sylvia Meagher, Mary Andersohn, Susan Amos Palmer, Kris Mellstrom, Kay Hildreth, Stacey Miller, Mary Erickson, Larry Wasik, Steve Johnson, Audrey Geneva, Luverne Klinkner, Tim Steffl, Braxton Battaglia, Warren Krekelberg

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: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36
Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Generous Spirit

Consider a Year-End Gift

As 2022 comes to a close, please consider a year-end gift to St. John the Baptist. Your gift will make a big difference for our parish, and may offer 2022 tax benefits as well. This year, your support is especially critical, as Christmas falls on a Sunday, so we have one less weekend collection than usual.

You can support St. John the Baptist through a variety of gift options:

Cash/Check

Your year-end cash gift will be greatly appreciated to help maintain the financial health of our parish. Please note that all contributions for the tax year 2022 must be received in the collection or the parish office on or before Saturday, December 31, or be postmarked in 2022, regardless of the date on the check or the date on the St. John the Baptist donation envelope.

Our Welcome Desk will be staffed on Saturday, December 31, from 9:00 am to 5:45 pm. You may drop off 2022 contributions anytime during those hours.

Gifts received in the collection on Sunday, January 1 will be credited as 2023 contributions.

Online Giving

You can simply and securely make a cash gift online by selecting "Donate" at www.stjohnnb.com. Please note that you can make a one-time gift to a particular fund, such as Tuition Assistance or Capital Giving. You can also sign-up for recurring donations that make it easier for you to include St. John's in your family budget.

Please note: *Gifts received on Saturday, December 31 will be credited as 2022 contributions, including online contributions received by midnight, December 31.*

Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)

If you are required to take a minimum distribution from your IRA, and you don't need all of the income, you can direct your IRA custodian to send funds directly to our parish as a tax-free donation to charity. Simply request that funds be sent to St. John the Baptist at our parish address: St. John the Baptist, 835 2nd Ave NW, New Brighton, MN 55112.

Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

If you turned 70 ½ this year and aren't required to take income from your IRA yet, you can still make a QCD and receive the same tax-saving benefits. Ask your IRA custodian to send funds to St. John the Baptist as mentioned above.

Gifts of Stock

A gift of appreciated stock helps you avoid paying tax on the gain in the stock's value (capital gains). For tax purposes, you claim the full value of the stock when it is donated to St. John the Baptist. Please contact Mark Dittman or Mary May in the parish office as soon as possible if you wish for your stock gift to be considered a 2022 gift. The Parish Office will coordinate with your financial advisor or broker to ensure the gift is properly received.

As always, please work closely with your tax and legal advisors to determine how any particular strategy will affect your overall tax situation.

Thank you for all the ways you are supporting St. John the Baptist by your prayer, participation, and partnership in our mission.

Questions? Contact Mary May in the parish office at 651-633-8333, x1253 or email maym@stjohnnyb.org.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Inspiration for High School Youth Discipleship

A hand-crafted quilt featuring the image of Our lady of Guadalupe was awarded to Mikayla Anderson for her ministry work with our St. John's High School Youth Group. The image and message of Our Lady of Guadalupe, as the Patroness of the Unborn, is an inspiration for the Sanctity of Life mission.

The quilt was part of the Respect Life's recent "40 Days for Life" initiative to encourage prayer. Prayer warriors who signed up to participate were entered into a drawing for the quilt. The winner, Shelly Peterson, gifted the quilt to Mikayla in her discipleship work at SJB.



Knights of Columbus Council 14250

New Display Case

The Knights of Columbus have installed a new display case in St. Paul Plaza made by parishioner and Knight Tom Brownrigg. It is across from the Welcome Desk, adjacent to the St. Therese Community Room.

Please stop by to see awards and other significant artifacts from the Knights, including the 2007 Charter. Achievement plaques include a 2021-2022 Star Council Award recognizing Grand Knight Tim McQuillan and current council members.

You will also find seasonal displays reflecting special parish events and activities.

We are grateful to Knights of Columbus Council 14250 for the many ways they have blessed our parish and continue to serve with a generous spirit!



Quilters Ministry

SJB Quilters will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 1 - 3 pm in Room 203. Our group only ties quilts during our meetings and many hands would make short work! **New members are always welcome.**

For more information, please contact Helen at 763-786-1512 or Ann Sellner at 651-484-5598. If you would like a prayer quilt, please contact Mary Kohlhaas at 651-633-8333, ext. 1229.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Help aging religious. Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to today's Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously.

Council of Catholic Women

The CCW Meeting on December 19 has been cancelled.

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday: St. Lucy
Wednesday: St. John of the Cross
Friday: Las Posadas begins

"More is gained in one hour from God's good things than in a whole lifetime from our own."

~ Saint John of the Cross
(Feast Day December 14)



Our Fascinating Faith

Our Lady of Guadalupe (Feast Day is December 12)

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, first appeared to Cuauhtlitzin (Juan Diego) on December 9, 1531 while he was on his way to a Eucharistic celebration in Tlatelolco, Mexico. The Virgin addressed him by his indigenous name, asking him to go to the palace of Archbishop Zumárraga to request that a shrine be erected there at the site of the apparition, in Tepeyac, so as to share her love and compassion for all believers. Juan Diego did so, but the archbishop did not believe him, demanding proof of his story and of the Lady's identity. He returned to Our Lady daily, and on December 12, he conveyed to her the archbishop's request for proof. She showed him Castilian roses blooming there through the stony ground despite the winter's cold. He picked the flowers and carried them in his tilma (mantle) to the archbishop. When he unfolded his tilma to present the roses, Mary's image was imprinted on the mantle! Her blue sash and the flower over her womb were traditional Aztec symbols of pregnancy and new life. But her features were those of a mestiza, indicating mixed Aztec-European heritage. Thus Our Lady of Guadalupe remains the enduring icon of unity-in-diversity, the fruit of our one baptism into Jesus, her Son.



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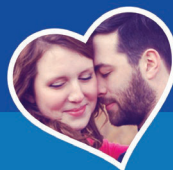
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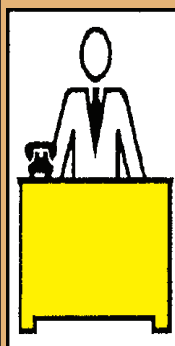


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