

January 8, 2023 Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

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



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PARISH CENTER HOURS

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 8:30 am and 10:30 am 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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Archdiocese's Victim/Survivor Assistance Program

651-291-4497 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Schedule of Events

Monday, January 9, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass (Ken and Jean Ehling) 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 Altar Guild ~ Church

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass (Ken Kapsner+) Church ~ Fr. Paul
9:30 AM Kidz Closet ~ 203
1:00 PM Quilters Ministry ~ 203
2:30 PM Open Youth Room ~ LL 106
3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM School Mass (John Lundak+ and Richard Grant) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
9:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks ~ St. Therese
9:30 AM Faithfully Fit ~ 208
9:30 AM Sister Clarinda's Winter Scripture Study ~ 206/208
3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook
5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
5:30 PM Mass (Joseph Modesette+ and Richard Brennen) Church ~ Fr. Paul
5:30 PM Family Formation ~ St. Joseph Hall
6:00 PM Middle School Faith Formation ~ LL 106
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal ~ LL 101
8:00 PM Contemporary Group Rehearsal ~ Church
8:00 PM Senior High Youth Group ~ LL 106

Thursday, January 12, 2023

6:30 AM Men's Fellowship ~ St. Joseph Hall
8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass (Pamela Dorso+ and Leo Larson+) Church ~ Fr. Paul
3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook
6:30 PM Catholic Watchmen ~ St. Joseph Hall
7:00 PM RCIA Class ~ 206

Friday, January 13, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass (Kyran Zamor+ and Jeannene Otto+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
9:30 AM Legion of Mary ~ 204
3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook
7:00 PM Middle School Youth Group ~ LL 106

Saturday, January 14, 2023

3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook
3:15 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
4:30 PM Vigil Mass (The deceased members of the Prokott Family) Church ~ Fr. Joseph

Sunday, January 15, 2023

8:30 AM Mass (Maria Trinh+ and Joseph Nguyen+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
8:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery
8:30 AM Sunday School ~ School Classrooms
10:30 AM Mass (Pro Populo) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
10:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery
10:30 AM Sunday School ~ School Classrooms
4:00 PM Young Adult Meditation on the Sunday Gospel ~ St. Joseph Hall
5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
5:30 PM Mass (Virginia Samuelson+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph



From Director of Catechesis: Jill Fink

“Then they opened their treasures and offered Him gifts”

~ Matthew 2: 11

Merry Christmas! Today is the feast of the Epiphany which marks the final day of the Christmas octave. Heading into Ordinary Time, we bring the work begun in Advent preparation through Christmas celebration. We worked to experience Emmanuel, God with us, in history, mystery, and majesty. Today is the last day the Church formally celebrates the history of the Nativity story but is it important to remember how Jesus comes to redeem and save us from our sins all year long.

We turn now to Emmanuel, God with us, in mystery where we look to the gift of seeing God in our current time. God is with us in many ways, but especially through the Church and her sacramental life. I love this time of year in sacramental preparation ministry. I join a team of catechists, sponsors, and catechists who accompany those of all ages being Called Forth to prepare for sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation, Reconciliation, and Holy Matrimony. This preparation of faith will bring about a celebration this Easter season.

With Monday’s feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we can meditate on the gift of Baptism. I love working with children and adults in preparing them for the sacrament of Baptism and highlighting all the many gifts of this sacrament. Primarily, this is the gift of God with us, the Good Shepherd calling, claiming, and signing us to Himself. We ponder the gift of water washing and purifying, the gift of light illuminating, the gift of being clothed in Christ, and the gift of anointing to Christian duties of Priest, Prophet, and King. We see in the Baptism of the Lord the great humility of Christ fulfilling righteousness by allowing John the Baptist to baptize Him and the reward of the Heaven’s opening and the Father proclaiming His delight. At each baptism there is this same opening of the Heavens, the opening of the gifts of baptism and the delight of our trinitarian God welcoming this new relationship through the Church.

Lastly, we ponder Emmanuel, God with us, one day in majesty. We are a people who look to the East, to the rising Son, where one day God will be all in all, where his Kingdom will never end. We bring the gift of our lives to the Gift first given to us, Jesus Christ. The prayer over the gifts today is a beautiful meditation: “Look with favor, Lord, we pray, on these gifts of your Church, in which are offered now not gold or frankincense or myrrh, but He who by them is proclaimed, sacrificed, and received, Jesus Christ. Who live and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.”

As we are Called Forth into this new year, let us be Called Forth to receive the gift of Jesus Christ and in turn bring ourselves as a gift to Christ within the Church. Please continue to hold in prayer all our candidates preparing for sacraments this year.

Children: Count how many times the word “gift” is used in this reflection. Know that you are a gift and have so many gifts to bring to Christ and the Church.

In Christ,

Jill Fink



On the cover: Adoration of the Magi (1655-1660) oil painting by Bartolomé Esteban Murillo

Upcoming Events

Formation-January The Bible: Our Family's Story Parent Program

Pat Millea, Creator of "Synod at Home" and "This Whole Life" will join us to stress the importance of scripture in our family life. Families will continue to form their Faith Plan.



Grades preK-5



Grades 6, 7, 8

Wednesday, January 11
Dinner at 5:30 pm (optional)
6:00 - 7:30 pm Program
In St. Joseph Hall



Catholic Watchmen

The next meeting is at 6:30 pm on Thursday, January 12 in St. Joseph Hall.



Fr. James Peterson will present his talk titled, "Called Forth into Venezuela" in which he will share about his missionary work in Venezuela.

Widows & Widowers

Next meeting is Monday, January 9 at 11:30 am at Perkins on County Road D.

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.

Men's Fellowship

Thursday Mornings 6:30—8:00 am
December 29, 2022 – February 2, 2023

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Awaken +

Arise, shine, for your light has come
and the glory of the Lord has risen
upon you. Psalm 60:1

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Contact: Jessica Balzarini | 651-633-8333 | balzarinij@stjohnnyb.org

There are only four spaces left! Please sign up today to be sure you are able to attend. Sign up on our parish website (stjohnnb.com) or by scanning the QR code. If you aren't able to go, please pray for the women on retreat to be filled with peace, the love of Christ, and a closer relationship with God.

8th Grade Washington D.C. Pizza Fundraiser Orders accepted now, through January 14

Pizza order pick-up in St. Paul Plaza – Sunday, January 29, from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm.



Upcoming Events

Sister Clarinda's Winter Scripture.

This study is 11 lessons

Classes are on Wednesdays
from 9:30 am—11:00 am
First Class is on January 11, 2023

Register Early Fee is \$30.
Online Registrations are open!
Please visit our website to register.

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

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/>

Wines to Wishes

Wines to Wishes is St. John the Baptist School's premiere event that funds critical needs and upgrades of the school as well as celebrates 70 years of faith-filled excellence in education. Save the date for Saturday, February 4, 2023!

Funds from this year's event will go towards classroom carpeting, gym improvements, and upgrades to our school bathrooms. Money raised above and beyond our fund-a-need goal will go to our tuition endowment fund.



A big part of our event is our silent and live auction, and for these to be successful, we need donations! If you are able and interested in donating, we have a few different options, which can be found on the donations page of our [Wines to Wishes website](#). We are also looking for donations of wine, which can be dropped off in the school office.

To learn more about our event, donations, and/or sponsorships or to register to attend, please visit our website: www.winestowishes.com. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Contact Michelle Barsness
(barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org) with any questions.

Ice Fishing with Father Tournament

When: January 21, 2023 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Arrive at 9:30 am for check-in. Prayer and tournament rules begin at 9:45 am.

Where: Long Lake Beach. Park in lot and walk out onto the lake. The fishing area for the tournament will be coned off, so that we can keep people together.

Who: Parishioners and Friends of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and School, minors must be accompanied by their guardian. Space is limited to 40 people.

See next bulletin for registration information!



Cana Dinner

The keynote speaker, Bill Wacker, is the Director Emeritus of Marriage in Christ Outreach MN and is the principal author of the Marriage in Christ Seminar.

He is married to his beautiful wife Adella and brings years of experience, humor, life examples, and much wisdom to his talk titled:

The Sacrament of Matrimony:
Not just for the Wedding Day

February 18th, 2023
5:30-8:30pm In St. Joseph Hall

\$60/couple - Register by February 12th
Full Table Discount Available
Full Amount Due at Registration

Register with QR Code



SJB Men's Retreat *Awaken*

Limited spots available! SJB Men's Retreat *Awaken* will be March 3-5 at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Prior Lake, MN. Get the grandparents to help with kids and take a weekend away to rest and reflect. Open to all 18+. Register on our parish website (stjohnnb.com) or by scanning the QR code.



Legion of Mary

We meet every Friday at 9:30 am in Room 204 at St. John the Baptist Church. We welcome every fellow Catholic and would love to have you join us!

Parish Life

Christmas at St. John's

It was wonderful celebrating Christmas with so many of you here at St. John's! May you have a very joyous new year! Special thanks to parishioner Tina Bobnick for taking some pictures during the 4 pm Mass. The rest of her pictures can be seen on our website: <https://stjohnnb.com/home/photo-gallery/>



Father Paul Fishing Trip

Over New Year weekend Father Paul was able to spend some quality time with his nieces and nephews fishing up north.

"Behold I will send many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish" ~ Jeremiah 16:16



"When the heart is open to the sun of grace, we see flowers blossom in their fragrance; these are seen to have profited by the word of God."

~ Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys
(Feast Day January 12)

Youth Ministry



Young Adult Social Dinner at the Rectory

On Sunday, January 15, at 6:30 pm, Fr. Joseph will be hosting a dinner at the rectory for all Young Adults of our Parish Community.

Please feel free to bring beverages, sides, desserts, snacks, etc.

No need to RSVP.

Reach out to Sarah Wilder with questions – swilder@stjohnnyb.org.



Generous Spirit

Are you in Need of a Prayer Quilt?

The SJB Quilting Ministry is an outreach ministry that combines the gift of prayer with the gift of a hand-tied quilt. The group has several quilts that have been blessed and are ready to distribute.

If you are a parishioner and would like to request a prayer quilt for someone you know, please contact Mary Kohlhaas at 651-633-8333 ext. 1229 or at kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org.

Wish List Thank You

Thank you to all who have donated to the 2022 Wish List. We have received \$19,000 to date to fund needs for Worship, Parish Hospitality and Events, SJB School, and the Cemetery. Additional gifts are welcome, and contributions may be made in memory of a loved one. Please contact Mary May in the parish office if you would like more information on remaining items on the 2022 list.

Medical Leftovers?

Do you have any medical leftovers after someone no longer has need of them? It is useful and you don't want to toss it, but you don't need it or want to store it? Bring it in to the Pastoral Ministry Office. We will collect and send it down to Rochester to the Rochester Medical Mission who sorts, packs and sends it on to Haiti.

If in doubt, give Mary a call at 763.242.4229. In the past, our parish has sent four carloads of goods to Rochester for Haiti. Another carload went to Haiti by way of someone traveling there as well. Another carload went to the Ukraine with a family who still had family members there in need. Know that you are helping others around the world so much, and thank you for passing on the goods they need.

How Can You Help?

Having a generous spirit means a lot more than just financial donations to your parish. It includes being charitable with your time and talents as well! We are incredibly grateful for all of the donations that have come in this Christmas Season and for all of our wonderful volunteers who help so much! However there is always more that can be done to help others and to grow in holiness, but sometimes it is hard to know what to do to make a difference. One big way that you can help, from whatever walk of life you are at, is to pray! Prayer is extremely powerful, and you can literally do it anytime you want—at home, at church, or even in the park. Please take a moment right now to pray for someone you know, for someone you don't know, and for the conversion of all sinners. Thank you for helping to further Christ's Kingdom with the gift of your prayer!

Please Pray For...

Those who have entered eternal life:

Jennifer Collins, Dolores Bona, Marcy Eder, Joe Preese

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 Firdelman, Cassie Cramer, Jon Clark, Donna Yenish, John Leibrich, Nella Pitzen, 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 and Susan Amos Palmer, Dottie Searles, Sylvia Meagher, Mary Andersohn, Kris Mellstrom, Kay Hildreth, Stacey Miller, Mary Erickson, Larry Wasik, Steve Johnson, Audrey Geneva, Luverne Klinkner, Tim Steffl, Braxton Battaglia, Warren Krekelberg, Helen Heinks, JoAnn Cedarholm, Tom Goebel, Engracia and Jim Houle, Dolores Hasslinger

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 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38;

Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28

or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9;

Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3;

Jn 1:29-34

Christmas Decoration Memorials

FROM

The McEvoy Family
Kathy Stonina

IN MEMORY/HONOR OF

Michael and Dan McEvoy
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stonina

FROM

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Zgutowicz

Thank you to all who gave to make our church so beautiful for Christmas!

**Please note: this list is current at the time of printing. Check future bulletins for additional memorials.*

Our Fascinating Faith Epiphany House Blessing

If you wish, you can celebrate Epiphany at home with a blessing using the initials of the magi's traditional names (Casper, Melchior, Balthasar), four crosses, and the new year's numerals.

Materials: a piece of chalk and a small container of holy water. Gather with family members, friends, and perhaps some neighbors at the front door.

Leader: In the (+) name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We sign this doorway with four crosses and the numerals of the new year.

[20 + C + M + B + 23]

Let us pray: May Christ bless this house!

ALL: Amen!

Each room of the house is sprinkled with holy water.

Living room:

Leader: Where two or three are gathered in your name, Lord, you are present. Bless this room, O Lord.

ALL: Amen!

Kitchen:

Leader: Give us this day our daily bread.

Bless this room, O Lord.

ALL: Amen!

Dining room:

Leader: Prepare us for the heavenly banquet.

Bless this room, O Lord.

ALL: Amen!

Bedrooms:

Leader: Stay with us Lord, when night has come.

Bless this room, O Lord.

ALL: Amen!

Bathroom:

Leader: Cleanse us from all sin. Bless this room, O Lord.

ALL: Amen!

All return to the front door to pray together.

Leader: Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father . . .

The leader sprinkles all present with holy water.

Leader: Bless this household through all days to come, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

ALL: Amen!

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Around the Archdiocese

Upcoming Retreat

Are you craving peace and solitude? Let God meet you at our beautiful retreat location in Lake Elmo, MN. Join us for a Men's Silent Retreat at the Demontreville Jesuit Retreat House **January 19 – January 22**. The retreat begins Thursday evening and ends Sunday evening. Free-will donations are accepted.

For more information, see our website:

www.demontrevilleretreat.com or call 651-777-1311.

Dale Ahlquist: "Home & Work" January 26

Dale Ahlquist — author, founder of Chestertonian institutions, and G.K. Chesterton aficionado — will speak with us about what Chesterton has to teach us about the relationship between the ever-important spheres of home and work.

Sponsored by the St. Joseph Business Guild at Holy Cross Church, 1621 University Ave. NE, Minneapolis.

Heavy Hors d'oeuvres, beer & wine

Registration is \$12 for members, and free for guests, students, and the unemployed.

RSVP at www.sjbusinessguild.com.

January 27: Pro-Life Memorial Mass

Even after the Supreme Court overturn of Roe v. Wade, there is still work to be done and hearts to be converted. Please join PROLIFE Across AMERICA on Friday, January 27 at 6:00 pm for a Memorial Mass, praying for hearts to be moved, abortion to end and the culture of life to flourish. Father Paul Shovelain will celebrate mass at St. Charles Borromeo Church. A social hour with refreshments and snacks will follow. Please join and pray with us!

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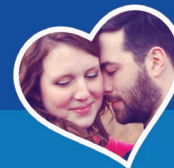


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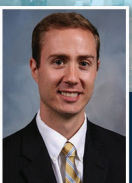
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