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*"Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed,
each of us is loved, each of us is necessary."*

+ Pope Benedict XVI

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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 8:30 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 23, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass (John and Katherine Macknowski) Church
 ~ Fr. Joseph
 9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Church
 3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook
 6:30 PM Library Committee Meeting ~ Library

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass (Jim Beatty+ and John Lundak+) Church ~ Fr. Paul
 9:30 AM Alive in the Word ~ 210
 9:30 AM Kidz Closet ~ 203
 1:00 PM Quilters Ministry ~ 203
 3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook
 6:30 PM Respect Life Committee ~ 210

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM School Mass (Mary Morris+ and Richard Grant) Church
 ~ Fr. Paul
 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
 4:00 PM Cemetery Committee Meeting ~ 204
 5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 5:30 PM Mass (Cliff Nimis+) Church ~ Fr. Paul
 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, January 26, 2023

6:30 AM Men's Fellowship ~ St. Joseph Hall
 8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass (Jeannene Otto+) Church ~ Fr. Paul
 9:15 AM Circle of Women ~ 206/208
 3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook
 7:00 PM RCIA Class ~ 206

Friday, January 27, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass (Jeannette Otto+ and William Otto+) Church
 ~ Fr. Paul
 8:00 AM SJB Middle School Retreat ~ 206/208
 9:30 AM Legion of Mary ~ 204
 3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook

Saturday, January 28, 2023

9:00 AM GIFT Faith Study ~ 211
 9:00 AM First Reconciliation Service ~ Church
 3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook
 3:15 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 4:30 PM Vigil Mass (Bogdan and Christine Rutkiewicz+) Church
 ~ Fr. Joseph

Sunday, January 29, 2023

Catholic School's Week Kick-Off

8:30 AM Mass (Pro Populo) Church ~ Fr. Paul
 8:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery
 8:30 AM Sunday School ~ 210
 9:00 AM K of C Waffle Breakfast ~ St. Joseph Hall
 10:30 AM Catholic School's Week Mass (The Legion of Mary)
 Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 10:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery
 10:30 AM Sunday School ~ 210
 4:00 PM Take and Eat ~ St. Joseph Hall
 5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 5:30 PM Mass (Jim Verbrugge+ and Max Berchem) Church
 ~ Fr. Paul
 6:45 PM Confirmation Preparation ~ St. Joseph Hall



From Pastoral Care Coordinator: Mary Kohlhaas

“WHAT YOU DO MATTERS”

I found that statement on the cover of a Holocaust Memorial Museum brochure as I was cleaning off my desk. It's a powerful little booklet that tells the stories of a few people, some you've heard of, some you haven't, who chose to do something about the evil they saw happening under the Nazis. They chose to make a difference, even risking their very lives.

There were those who sang louder so they wouldn't hear the trains headed to the death camps past their churches. There were those who tried to avoid and ignore what was really happening. And then there were those who participated in the evil – out of self-preservation, indifference, or ignorance. Those not being rounded up, and those not doing the rounding up, were on the sidelines and they had a decision to make: do I try to help stop the injustice or do I ignore it as best I can? Do I value human life? More than my comfort? More than my reputation? More than my circle of loved ones? What you do matters.

All of us are on those sidelines again today. Abortion is being enshrined into law so that a baby can be eliminated at any time during a nine-month pregnancy and even after birth. Many states, Minnesota included, are choosing to be destination abortion sites to attract business from other more life-affirming states. Abortion is celebrated like a victory and we say “I'm not for abortion, but I voted for the pro-abortion candidate” for any number of reasons that are not nearly as real and valuable as just one of those babies who will now die under that politician's watch. What you do matters.

Maybe you are slowed from action because you carry your own burdens from past decisions you regret. There is ALWAYS hope! Take it to confession and get cleaned up so you are equipped to be effective. You have lots to offer, God can't wait to forgive a truly repentant soul, and...what you do matters.

Now Canada is offering medical assistance with suicide to anyone who is in pain, depressed, waiting for medical treatment, young, old, and in between. “It is on offer, and we can do it today.” No delay to think about it or let things improve. Do you really think it will be that long before it happens here? Are you watching what the politicians are proposing and enacting? What you do matters.

Whatever happened to “REDEMPTIVE SUFFERING”? Ever hear of it? You bring your suffering – whatever it is – and offer it to Jesus on behalf of yourself, others, sinners, a cause, the holy souls in Purgatory, etc. Let Jesus take what you offer onto the cross with His own Suffering and bless it and make it USEFUL! Today we don't want to suffer. We run as fast and far as we can to avoid it. But coming through hard times and suffering is a powerful way to grow strong just like a forge strengthens steel. But the only way to gain that strength and insight is by going through it, with Jesus. What you do matters.

Human Trafficking is a pervasive problem all over the world and even right here in the US and in Minnesota. People are bought and sold, kidnapped, enslaved, sex trafficked, disappeared, used up and thrown away. And most of us go right on living our lives blissfully unaware. What if you increased your awareness, found organizations who are freeing slaves and pursuing human trafficking rings? What you do matters.

Do you know which businesses support the same values you espouse? After you pay for a service, to which cause does that company donate? If, for example, I continue to shop CVS or Walgreens after they begin selling the abortion pill, am I collaborating with the enemy? What you do matters.

We are so conditioned, as of late, to make decisions based on fear and safety. Conditions in recent years have impacted us that way. Social unrest, covid, strong opinions whether you want to hear them or not, lockdown, truth and lies, the list goes on. But what does the Lord tell us? “Be strong and courageous.” (Deuteronomy 31.6); “Pick up your cross and follow Me.” (Matt. 16.24);

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“My yoke is easy and my burden is light.” (Matt. 11.30). Does that sound like run and hide in fear or do nothing because of fear? Jesus says further: “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Heavenly Father.” (Matt. 5.13-16). What you do matters.

Mental health issues and drug addiction affect large swaths of our population and it is easy to drive right by and choose not see the devastation. Each person we bypass is an original, lovingly created individual whom we have a chance to reach out to, either directly or through the service of organizations. What you do matters.

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.” (II Timothy 1.7) So are you ready to meet the challenge and DO something? Check out any of the following: Caregivers Group or any other parish outreach group, Pre-Born, Created Equal, 2ndVote, Operation Underground Railroad, Christian Solidarity International and so many more amazing organizations doing something good regarding the sanctity of life! Pray. Let God move your heart. Get involved. “Be of good courage, and let us be courageous for our people, and for the cities of our God, and may the Lord do what seems good to him.” (II Samuel. 10.12) because...**what you do matters.**

In Christ,

Mary Kohlhaas

Upcoming Events

Circle of Women

Thursday, January 26, upstairs in Room 206/208 from 9:15 am—11:30 am

We welcome women of all ages to gather on Thursday, January 26, 2023. We welcome Father Paul to hear him speak about “Called Forth from the Temple.” Join us as we share our faith and time in prayer with one another. Childcare is available. Grab one of our brochures from the kiosks or watch your Flocknote for details.

Any questions? Call Michelle (763.442.4936) Hope to see you there!

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, January 21 after the 4:30 pm Mass
and

Sunday, January 22 after the 10:30 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

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SJB MEN'S RETREAT



Led by:
Fr. Paul Shovelain

2 Presentations
from: Matt Birk



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Upcoming Events



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WAFFLE BREAKFAST

Join us on January 29, 2023
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

The Knights are serving a waffle breakfast in conjunction
with Catholic Schools Week 2023

All you can eat: waffles, sausages, regular and sugar-free syrup, fruit for the waffles, whipped cream, orange juice, coffee, milk, and water. A gluten-free option is available on request. Prices: \$9 per person, children 5 and under free, family maximum \$45. Cash, check, or credit card. Come and enjoy some breakfast and some fellowship, and support the Knights!

Upcoming Dinners/Breakfast

February 10: KC Fish Fry
February 26: KC Waffle Breakfast

March 10: KC Fish Fry
March 31: KC Fish Fry

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](https://www.winstowishes.com). 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.winstowishes.com. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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

Upcoming Events



Cana Dinner

An elegant evening at St. John the Baptist to celebrate your marriage!
Catered dinner, drinks, dessert, marriage blessing and speaker. All married & engaged couples are welcome.



Speaker Bill Wacker
Director Emeritus of Marriage in Christ

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

Register with QR Code



Happy hour begins at 5:30pm. Dinner and marriage blessing from 6-7, and presentation following.
The evening concludes at 9pm.
\$60/couple or register an entire table for a discount. Register by February 12th.

Respect Life Information

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.

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

Dear Respect Lifers:

Join thousands of Minnesotans at the MCCL March for Life at 2:00 pm on Sunday, January 22, on the state Capitol grounds in St. Paul. This is a public way for us to tell our elected officials to reject the extremism of abortion-until-birth. It's a chance to make clear that unborn children deserve our protection—and their mothers deserve our support and love.

Because the March for Life takes place on a Sunday this year, the legislature is not in session and parking around the Capitol is free. We are not chartering a bus to go to the Capitol but plan on leaving St. John the Baptist's West parking lot at 1:30 pm. You can "create your own carpool" at St. John's parking lot if you would rather ride with someone. Signs will be provided; you may also bring your own.

Please join us at 2:00 pm on January 22 to speak out for those who have voice—and bring family, friends, church members, and others with you. We'll see you at the March!

Youth Ministry

Young Adult Group

"Take and Eat"

Every Sunday afternoon at 4:00 pm

All Young Adults are invited to join us for a three course "meal" as we

1. Chew on the words of the Sunday Gospel, in St. Joseph Hall,
2. Attend Mass together at 5:30 pm to receive Our Lord in the Eucharist, and
3. Head out to eat dinner after Mass to enjoy food and fellowship.

If you can't make it but are still interested in getting connected with our new and growing community, please contact Sarah Wilder at wilders@stjohnnyb.org to learn more or get on the email list!

WANT TO HELP OUR YOUTH GROUP
AND DON'T KNOW HOW?

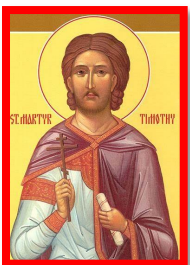
DONATE SNACKS!



Our youth ministry program would appreciate your donation of pre-packaged snacks for youth group, confirmation and small groups!

Feel Free to bring snack donation to the welcome desk at any time with your name on it, so we can thank you later.

CONTACT MIKAYLA ANDERSON,
ANDERSONM@STJOHNNYB.ORG
WITH ANY QUESTIONS!



"A good life with contentment is itself a great wealth. For we brought nothing with us into this world, and we can take nothing out of it. So if we have enough of what we need, let us be content with that."

~ Saint Timothy
(Feast Day January 20)

Please Pray For...

Those who have entered eternal life:

Luverne Klinkner, Father Leonard Siebenaler

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, 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, Jon Latham, Marlene Nickel, Christa Jones, Sue Klinkner

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Readings For The Week

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-35

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a



Welcome, Bishop-elect Michael Izen!

archspm.org/newbishop



Pope Francis this morning named Father Michael John Izen, a priest of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, as an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, assigning him the titular see of Newport.

Bishop-elect Izen is currently the pastor of the Churches of Saint Michael and Saint Mary in Stillwater, the parochial administrator of the Church of St. Charles in Bayport and the canonical administrator of Saint Croix Catholic school.

Our Fascinating Faith Ordinary Time

Between the end of the Christmas season and the start of Lent, the liturgical year begins a period known as Ordinary Time. That season is interrupted by the seasons of Lent and Easter, and then resumes again after Pentecost. The English translation of the Latin name for this season has received much criticism because of our association of the word “ordinary” with something of lesser value, the opposite of something special. Critics point out that Sunday is the original feast day of the Church, that there is nothing at all “ordinary” about our weekly celebration of the Lord’s dying and rising. Translators explain that in this context the English word “ordinary” retains the root meaning of “ordinal,” something counted “in order,” and that the Sundays throughout the year are in fact named by their numerical order.

It is helpful to understand how all five of the “special” seasons of the liturgical year (Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, Easter) fit together to unfold the single mystery of Christ. As we continue the year now with Ordinary Time, we are mindful that what we celebrate is indeed as “extraordinary” an experience of God’s grace as one could ever imagine.

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Dale Ahlquist: “Home & Work”

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

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.

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!

In Mary's Arms

A Grief Support Ministry for women who have experienced the loss of a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death. This loving confidential group will meet at Church of St. Peter in Forest Lake the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:15—11:00 am in Conference Room A. Note: they will not meet during September.

Contact Lisa Engstrom: 651-982-2229; lengstrom@stpeterfl.org or Shelly Sullivan: 651-261-7328.

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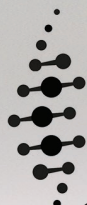
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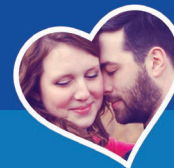
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