

February 12, 2023
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 they who follow
the law of the Lord!”**

~ Psalm 119

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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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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, February 13, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass (Ray and Marlene Brandt) Church ~ Fr. Paul
9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Church
3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook
7:00 PM Baptism Preparation Class ~ 206/208
7:00 PM Intercessory Prayer Ministry Training ~ 211

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass (Kyrán Zamor+ and Gertrude Schroer+) Church ~ Fr. Paul
9:30 AM Alive in the Word ~ 210
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, February 15, 2023

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM School Mass (Mrs. Troxel and her 6th grade class) 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
5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
5:30 PM Mass (Joseph Modesette+ and Richard Brennen+) Church ~ Fr. Paul
6:00 PM FF Catechist Training ~ 211
6:00 PM Middle School Faith Formation ~ LL 106
6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting ~ 210
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal ~ LL 101
7:00 PM Contemporary Group Rehearsal ~ Church
8:00 PM Devoted ~ St. Joseph Hall
8:00 PM Senior High Youth Group ~ LL 106

Thursday, February 16, 2023

6:30 AM Men's Fellowship ~ St. Joseph Hall
8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass (Clarence Wilkus and Marcy Eder+) Church ~ Fr. Paul
9:15 AM Circle of Women ~ 206/208
3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook
6:30 PM IPM Training Class ~ 204
6:30 PM Marriage Preparation ~ 210
7:00 PM RCIA Class ~ 206

Friday, February 17, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass (Jeannene and William Otto+) Church ~ Fr. Paul
9:30 AM Legion of Mary ~ 204
3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook

Saturday, February 18, 2023

9:00 AM GIFT Faith Study ~ 211
3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook
3:15 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
4:30 PM Vigil Mass (Faustine Amu and Dolores Hasslinger) Church ~ Fr. Paul
5:30 PM Cana Dinner ~ St. Joseph Hall

Sunday, February 19, 2023

8:30 AM Mass (Julie Hammer+ and Jim Verbrugge+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
8:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery
10:30 AM Mass (The living and deceased family members Ruth Mueller) Church ~ Fr. Paul
10:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery
12:00 PM Baptisms ~ Church
4:00 PM Take and Eat Young Adult Gathering ~ St. Joseph Hall
5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
5:30 PM Mass (Pro Populo) Church ~ Fr. Joseph



From Jessica Balzarini, Director of Parish Life

“We speak God’s wisdom, mysterious, hidden...”

~ 1 Corinthians 7

Marriage is one of the mysteries hidden in God. With all divine mysteries we can’t fully comprehend the depth of the truth, beauty, and goodness of Marriage. But we can come to know the truth about it, even if dimmed this side of Heaven.

We recognize the beautiful design in our human nature that draws man and woman together in marriage for the good of themselves and for the creation of family. In all of the humanness of marriage, we see the beauty and the struggle it takes to bring two lives together as one. We know the joy and heartbreak of lived relationships that are not yet perfected in Christ. We experience the unity and discord that comes with living the ups and downs of daily life together. If couples are blessed with children, we recognize the daily challenges and victories that come with parenting. Let’s be honest, broken human nature is tough to live with!

The hidden reality of Marriage is found in heart of God but fully revealed to us in Christ. Marriage which is good in it’s natural state becomes supernatural through grace of Jesus Christ. What is natural, built into our human DNA, becomes a sacrament. What is natural becomes infused with supernatural gift of grace to be the way to heaven, it provides with the stuff of sanctification, it makes us holy, ready for heaven.

This grace doesn’t just get dispensed during the wedding vows on the wedding day and stay there. Matrimony is a sacrament of vocation, meaning the grace is given in every moment to help us live the reality. Grace is dispensed as we live everyday life together. The grace of matrimony helps us become “little Christ’s” to one another, laying down our life in love. When our human limitations get in the way of a beautiful marriage, God’s grace comes to the rescue.

Grace isn’t a magic bullet though it does bring about miracles, grace builds on our nature. We work at it and God gives us the help we need to accomplish it. Like any activity we want to be good at we need to put in the effort in order to see results. It is the same in married life, we need to cultivate the marriage relationship God intends for us. We need to stay connected to one other in friendship. It is essential to pray together, celebrate the victories, and encourage each other in the challenges, the list goes on!

St. John’s is building a Cana Marriage Ministry Core Team in order to expand our marriage enrichment opportunities and help couples grow in the practical and spiritual aspects of married life. New this year, our current Core Team offered the parish a Marriage Retreat in November where 30 couples gained practical tools for communication and learned a method to pray together. In March we will begin our Cana Marriage Minute Take Time for Your Marriage offering 1 hour sessions with practical ways to grow in your marriage skills as well as some social opportunities to meet other married couples within a fun atmosphere.

Our team has been in leading our Annual Cana Dinner for years. This year married and engaged couples are once again invited to attend this beautiful night of celebration. We offer a delicious catered dinner, wonderful speaker, and blessing for couples. Deadline for registration is Sunday, February 12. We hope you can join us!

Here at St. John’s we have an opportunity to enrich our marriages and grow in this grace through our annual Cana Dinner.

In Christ,

Jessica Balzarini

Upcoming Events

Cana Dinner



Speaker Bill Wacker

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 18, 2023
5:30 pm – 8:30 pm
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
New Brighton, MN

Register with QR Code
or at stjohnnb.com



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

Circle of Women

Thursday, February 16, upstairs in Room 206/208
at 9:15 am—11:30 am

Valentine's Brunch: Join us for brunch, please bring a dish to share!

We welcome women of all ages to gather on Thursday, February 16, 2023. We welcome back Kate Walsh Soucheray to speak on *"The Domestic Church: Encouragement for the Church that goes Forth."* 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 at 763-442-4936
Hope to see you there!

Men's Fellowship

Thursday Mornings 6:30—8:00 am
Now – March 16, 2023

The Creed – Bishop Robert Barron DVD Series

In this video-based study, Bishop Robert Barron leads us line-by-line through the elegant, intelligent, and succinct words of the Creed. Words that roll off our tongues easily but are often not fully understood. These words, such as believe, one God, incarnate, and consubstantial, will resonate in your soul and more deeply give voice to your own faith once you experience Bishop Barron's *The Creed*. Born at the Council of Nicaea in the Fourth Century after intense, theological debates, this formal statement of faith is the foundation of both eastern and western Christianity. All who are baptized profess belief in the statements contained in the Nicene Creed.

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

Upcoming Events

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. Join us for lunch on Monday, February 13 at 11:30 am at Perkins on County Road D.



Ash Wednesday
February 22, 2023

6:30 am ~ Communion/Word Service with Ashes
8:30 am ~ School Mass with Ashes
12:00 pm ~ Communion/Word Service with Ashes
5:30 pm ~ Mass with Ashes
7:00 pm ~ Mass with Ashes

SJB Parish Library News

St. Josephine Bakhita (February 8) was a captured slave from Africa, that was tortured and beaten much of her life by her masters, but came to a conversion to Christ amidst her suffering and shared the joy of Christ with others through her suffering.

Our Lady of Lourdes (February 11), is the story of Our Mother Mary, appearing to a poor, naive, young girl Bernadette in Lourdes, France, in the middle 1800's (1844-1879), to bring the believers and unbelievers back to her son Jesus. A miraculous healing spring appeared, and well as many other healing miracles have occurred there over time at this shrine. St. Bernadette's incorrupt body lies in state at a convent in Nevers, France.

Come and learn more about these amazing saints, through DVD's and books at your Parish Library. The Library is open after the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses, and on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 1:00 pm—3:00 pm. It is located up the ramp across from the glass Archives case. If you have any questions, please call Jeannie Kratzer at 612-406-9387.

Called Forth to Prepare for Heaven:

Estate Planning for You and Your Family

Thursday, March 2, 2023

Doors Open: 6:45 pm • Program: 7:00 – 8:30 pm

» Father Paul Shovelain

Preparing for Heaven with the Sacraments

» Michael Cassell - Financial Advisor, Confetti Wealth

Leaving a Legacy

» Attorney Marty Schutz

Estate Planning

To RSVP, go to the registration link at www.stjohnnb.com or contact Rita Arndorfer, 651-633-8333, x1220, or email arndorferr@stjohnnyb.org

Upcoming Events



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WAFFLE BREAKFAST

Join us on February 26

9:00 am - 12:00 pm



AWAKEN

SJB MEN'S RETREAT

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

MARCH 3-5

Franciscan Retreat
Center | Prior Lake



Led by:
Fr. Paul Shovelain
with 2 Presentations
from Matt Birk



This Retreat Offers:

The relaxed and peaceful atmosphere to
grow closer to God through talks,
testimonies and music

The chance to grow in relationship with one
another, through free time and small groups

Time with the Lord in Mass, Confession,
Adoration, Prayer Workshops, and more!



Open to all men
from SJB 18+
Limited Space

Freewill offering
at the End of the
Retreat

Arrive Friday
by 6:00 pm
Depart Sunday
by 2:30 pm

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

Parish Life *in Photos*



Catholic School's Week Mass



Catholic School's Week Tubing



Catholic School's Week



Parish Life *in Photos*



Free Throw Contest Winners



Students from St. John's who won at the district level free throw competition



Families learning about the Holy Spirit at Family Formation



First Reconciliation

Fr. Joseph celebrating his birthday with Sr. Rose and parishioner Maria



Keiyfa a parishioner originally from Toga, went ice fishing for the first time and caught a crappie!

Respect Life

What You Do Matters...

by Mary Kohlhaas

Something MUST be said about the laws being passed at the Minnesota Statehouse because they are over the top extremist (dare I use that overworked word these days??) in nature. It is perhaps the most grievous example of “what you do matters” in recent Minnesotan history. Elections have consequences and when we don’t keep a balance between the parties, the pendulum swings far more than any of us could imagine. We are now faced with the passing of a bill that allows killing a baby in the womb the entire nine months of pregnancy for any reason whatever. It has been signed, sealed and delivered.

What else is coming, you ask, what else can they possibly do in this arena? Buckle in, there’s more!

There is Senate File 70 which completely deregulates abortion in this state – repealing mandatory reporting of abortion complications, parental notification prior to performing an abortion on a minor, and a host of other common-sense laws. They will be moving it through the legislature as soon as possible, followed by... the elimination of public support for pregnancy centers. You know, those centers that assist pregnant and parenting women in carrying their pregnancies to term while developing healthy habits and stable families. In a recent Star Tribune article, Dr. Collette points out that it is the abortion industry trying to eliminate their competition. We have no concept of the amount of money pouring into the pockets of the abortion support system, from the business to the lobbyists, to the legislators, the research companies who buy the body parts of the babies for experiments to the pharmaceutical companies who benefit on one side with contraceptives and the other side with the abortion pill and all the while saying that abstinence and purity isn’t possible.

(article continued in next week’s bulletin)

St. John’s Respect Life Group

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, just as hospice is a caring option to euthanasia.

Meetings - We meet every fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in Room 211, so our next meeting is on November 22. Please come and join us!

Generous Spirit

What is Your Legacy?

Did you know that St. John the Baptist has five endowment funds that have been created to provide a strong future for our church, school, and cemetery? These funds were established to help secure the needs of our community for future generations:

- **General Operations** – annual support for needs of the parish
- **Capital** – purchases and/or improvements for capital projects
- **St. John the Baptist Cemetery** – maintenance and upkeep of the parish cemetery
- **Tuition Assistance** – scholarship support for St. John the Baptist School
- **Pastoral Care, created in memory of Julie Hammer** – supports pastoral outreach ministries

Contributions to these funds are welcome at any time! Your gifts will be maintained in perpetuity and stewarded by the Catholic Community Foundation of Minnesota. You can learn more on our website by selecting “Donate” and the “Legacy Gift” option.

You may also contact Mary May, Development Associate, at 651-633-8333, x1253 or email mam@stjohnnyb.org.

Compassion Connect Clinic

The Compassion Connect Clinic is coming again to New Brighton! We are gathering momentum to put the free medical and dental clinic together again to serve those in our community as One Christian Church! Our parish works hand in hand with other area churches to serve as many as possible in one day of services. Now that we have leadership in place, we are looking for professionals to do the work of the services we offer. Contact Gwen to register or ask your questions! Her email is gsbebus75@gmail.com.

Do you know someone who fits the bill? Invite them! Tell us and we’ll invite them!

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.

Youth Ministry

High School Youth Group

Wednesday, February 15
8:00 pm—9:30 pm in the Youth Room

Join us for our monthly community night - this month we are playing capture the flag with a little twist!

Questions, please contact Mikayla Anderson at andersona@stjohnnyb.org.



President's Day
Fun
February 20
8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Games
Mass
Snacks
Games
Lunch
Tubing
Cost: \$40
Middle School Youth
Contact Sarah Wilder with questions and to register.
Wilders@stjohnnyb.org

Please Pray For...

Those who have entered eternal life:

Those who are ill:

Sadlovsky Family, Sheehan Family, Cameron Santos, Patricia Roy, Dave Willette, Madi Rippey, Sydney Jo Rippey, 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, Tim Steffl, Braxton Battaglia, Helen Heinks, JoAnn Cedarholm, Tom Goebel, Engracia and Jim Houle, Jon Latham, Marlene Nickel, Christa Jones, Sue Klinkner, Neil Lubke

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.

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

Readings For The Week

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Around the Archdiocese

Is God Calling You to be a Priest?

Come for a **Vianney Visit** to find out

February 16–18, 2023

Saint John Vianney College Seminary, Saint Paul

If you are in high school or college (age 16–24) and have ever considered the priesthood, you might be wondering about your next steps. The priests and seminarians at Saint John Vianney College Seminary invite you to take a closer look at seminary life.

Beginning on Thursday night and concluding Saturday morning, a Vianney Visit offers an ideal look into our spiritual, academic, and fraternal life. You will hear testimonies from current seminarians, attend spiritual conferences with SJV priests, pray with the community, and tour the University of St. Thomas. You may also have the option to meet individually with priests on staff or the rector. And, you won't leave without having some fun! Learn more and register at 10000vocations.org/vianney-visit.

Return to Versailles Organ Recital

Monday, February 27, 7:00 pm—9:00 pm
Church of Saint Mark, Saint Paul

Forty Hours Devotion Solemn Closing

Sunday, March 12, 2:00 pm—3:00 pm
Holy Cross Catholic Church, Minneapolis

Join us for the Solemn Closing of our Annual Forty Hours Devotion. This joyful Eucharistic celebration will be filled with sublime music, inspiring preaching, and transcendent ceremony. A reception with wine and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served in Kolbe Hall immediately following.

IC Music Presents: The Roaring Twenties

Dinner and variety show - Saturday, February 18 -
Immaculate Conception Church, 4030 Jackson St. NE,
Columbia Heights:

Join us for fine cuisine, beverages, and hit songs from the Roaring Twenties. Doors open - 6:00 | Dinner - 6:30 | Show - 7:45. Reserved seat tickets are required (\$40.00 - cash or check only) and are on sale in the IC parish office during the week. (Buy a table of 8 in one transaction you'll get 1 seat free.)

For information call 763-788-9062 or visit ICOnline.org

Pope Benedict XVI, the Bible, and the Theory of Evolution

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

JRC Auditorium at the University of St. Thomas

Presented by Dr. Matthew Ramage
Professor of Theology at Benedictine College

Co- sponsored by the Science and Theology Network and the
departments of Theology, Philosophy, and Catholic Studies



*"Your accumulated
offences do not surpass
the multitude of God's
mercies: your wounds do
not surpass the great
Physician's skill."*

~ Saint Cyril of Alexandria
(Feast Day February 14)

Our Fascinating Faith

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order (February 17)

On February 17, we honor the seven founding saints of the Order of the Servants of the Virgin Mary. Bonfilus, Alexis, Manettus, Amideus, Hugh, Sostene and Buonagiunta were a group of merchants of Florence who, upon experiencing an apparition of the Blessed Virgin in 1233, renounced their businesses, left what was necessary for their families, and distributed the rest among the poor. They then dedicated themselves entirely to the veneration of the Virgin Mary, going to live on an Italian mountain, each assuming the life of a hermit—prayer, extreme fasting and penance. Sometime later, at the request of the pope's delegate, all but one were ordained priests. Brother Alexis, considering himself unworthy of the priesthood, decided to remain as a brother. They were all canonized in 1888. Their feast day, originally February 11, now falls on the 17, the date of the death of the last of the seven founders. Brother Alexis at the age of 110.

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