

March 19, 2023
4th Sunday of Lent

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



Happy Solemnity of Saint Joseph

Celebrated on Monday, March 20 this year

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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, March 20, 2023 ~ Solemnity of Saint Joseph

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass with Cantor and Organ (Mary Marshall+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Church
3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook
6:30 PM Council of Catholic Women Meeting ~ St. Joseph Hall

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass (Bill Van Risseghem+ and Melvin Maurer+) Church ~ Fr. Paul
9:30 AM Alive in the Word ~ 210
9:30 AM Kidz Closet ~ 203
1:00 PM Library Committee Meeting ~ Library
2:30 PM Open Youth Room ~ LL 106
3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook
5:30 PM PLC Meetings ~ Church

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass (Harvey and Rosemary Ogren+) 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
4:00 PM Cemetery Committee Meeting ~ 204
5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
5:30 PM Mass ~ Church ~ Fr. Paul
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
7:30 PM Devoted 'Extra' Social Time ~ St. Joseph Hall
8:00 PM Devoted ~ St. Joseph Hall
8:00 PM Senior High Youth Group ~ LL 106

Thursday, March 23, 2023

6:30 AM Men's Fellowship ~ St. Joseph Hall
8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass (John and Katherine Macnowski) Church ~ Fr. Paul
3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook
7:00 PM RCIA Class ~ 206
8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass (Joyce and Matthew+ Kremer) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
9:30 AM Legion of Mary ~ 204
3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook
5:30 PM Mass with Cantor and Organ (Joe and Theresa Grace+) Church ~ Fr. Paul
6:00 PM Soup Supper ~ St. Joseph Hall
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross ~ Church
7:00 PM Middle School Youth Group ~ LL 106

Saturday, March 25, 2023 ~ Solemnity of the Annunciation

SVDP Food Collection Bags Returned
9:00 AM GIFT Faith Study ~ 210
9:00 AM Twin Cities SVDP Training ~ St. Joseph Hall
9:30 AM Mass (Richard Franzen+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
12:00 PM Baptisms ~ Church
3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook
3:15 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
4:30 PM Vigil Mass (Philip Losinski+) Church ~ Fr. Paul

Sunday, March 26, 2023

SVDP Food Collection Bags Returned
8:30 AM Mass with RCIA Second Scrutiny (Jim Verbrugge+ and Rose Wilkus+) Church ~ Fr. Paul
8:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery
8:30 AM Sunday School ~ School Classrooms
9:15 AM RCIC ~ 211
10:30 AM Mass with RCIA Third Scrutiny (The living and deceased Family members Ruth Mueller) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
10:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery
10:30 AM Sunday School ~ School Classrooms
12:00 PM RCIA Marriage Celebration ~ 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
6:45 PM Confirmation Preparation ~ St. Joseph Hall



From Parochial Vicar: Father Joseph Nguyễn

“You will be my Witnesses”: Gathered and Sent from the Upper Room Section III part B “The Mystery of the Eucharist”

Jesus first teaches us how to live generously and humbly by the washing of feet. We as human beings already have the desire to love our neighbor, and we even want to be more excellent in our love by giving of ourselves as Jesus did. Yet we find ourselves struggling from time to time to love one another. We know that we want to be Christlike with our family, coworkers, and friends, but we lose our patience, we lose our temper, or just out of selfishness we omit the good we could do. So, to aid us in loving one another, Jesus institutes the Eucharist, the second integral event that took place in the Upper Room. Here Jesus gives Himself totally to us in the Eucharist—body, blood, soul, and divinity. There is no part of Him that He holds back from us. He gives Himself away one hundred percent.

The Eucharist is intimately connected to the Crucifixion because it is on the cross that we see Jesus giving Himself for us, and it is Jesus hanging on the cross that gives meaning to the words He said at the Last Supper. **“TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.” “TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.”**

There is nothing more that Jesus could give us than His very self in the Eucharist, and we get the honor of receiving Him when we go to communion. We receive all the self-giving love of Jesus, which fills us with the divine love necessary to love our neighbor to wash their feet. As Jesus was “obedient to death, even death on the cross”, so we die to self as we strive to love beyond our normal capacity. Every time we reach the limit of what we can give, we can go back to Jesus who gives Himself totally in the Eucharist so that we can be nourished and filled by the love He offers to us and continue to love beyond ourselves.

As human beings, we often connect food with love. We share food with the ones we love because we want to sustain them and see them grow. Even when we share food with strangers it conveys the same message, “I love you and I want to sustain you and see you grow.” Jesus comes to us in the form of bread and wine which signifies that He Himself is the source of our life, and He is the one that sustains it. It is by receiving Him that we grow little by little into saints He made us to be, and as we grow we become more capable of that self-giving love.

In the Mass, we celebrate and remember Jesus’s love for us on the Cross. We do that by re-presenting the Last Supper, where Jesus gave meaning to the self-gift He was about to make in His Passion. It is as if we were with Jesus and His disciples in the Upper Room as He makes the greatest act of love. “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” Jesus shares the fullness of divine love with us through the Eucharist and when we receive Him, we receive the power of divine love to go forth and to love as God does. To lay down our lives for our family, our friends, our coworkers, and anyone that the Lord places in our life. The best part is every time we reach the limit of our capability to love, we can always go back to Jesus in the Eucharist so He may refresh and sustain us, as we continue to stretch ourselves and become other Christs. We can do this by being men and women who are willing to selflessly give all of themselves for the love of God and our neighbor.

In Christ,

Father Joseph

Upcoming Events

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 the scheduled Mass times below.

Our next **Intercessory Prayer Ministry** will be:

Saturday, March 18 after the 4:30 pm Mass
Sunday, March 19 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*



Council of Catholic Women

The Council of Catholic Women (CCW) will start spring meetings on Monday, March 20 at 6:30 pm in St. Joseph Hall. New members are always welcome.

For any questions, please call Lu at 651-633-0715.



Expectant Parents Blessing March 26

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 10:30 am Mass on March 26.

Circle of Women

Thursday, March 30

Upstairs in Room 206/208 from 9:15 am to 11:15 am

We welcome women of all ages to gather on Thursday, March 30, 2023. We welcome back Natasha Cahill and her talk on "Created to Create." Join us as we share our faith and prayer time with one another. Childcare is available. Grab one of our brochures from the kiosks or watch your Flocknote for details.



Any question? Call Michelle at 763-442-4936. Hope to see you there!

Marriage Minute Series

The March Marriage Minute Series will give you tools to improve communication with your spouse. Bradley Barker, a licensed Professional Clinical Counselor, will help couples effectively navigate through conflict, remaining united versus divided.



Join us for the talk with your spouse. Limited childcare is available.

March 19, 2023
9:30 am—10:30 am
Room 211

Register on the Parish Website (stjohnnb.com)

Men's Fellowship

Thursday Mornings 6:30 am—8:00 am
March 23,— March 30, 2023

Love and Mercy: St. Faustina DVD Series

The incredible true story of St. Faustina and the message of Divine Mercy is now documented in the critically acclaimed film "Love and Mercy: Faustina," which follows the incredible call of St. Faustina, designated by our Lord Himself as the "Secretary" and "Apostle" of His Mercy. The Lord told her: "You will prepare the world for My final coming" (Diary, 429)

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

Devoted

This week on March 22, devoted will offer an Evening of Mercy for all women of the parish. Lives will be made new. We will receive grace from the Heart of Jesus as we adore Him in the Blessed Sacrament—a full hour with Him. Our sins will be forgiven in the sacrament of Reconciliation; several priests will be available during Adoration. Mary Clare Melero will lead us in of worship. Women will gather for "extra social time" at 7:30 pm, announcements will begin at 8:00 pm in St. Joseph Hall and then we will move into the Church for a full hour of prayer. Invite the women in your life who could use a mid-Lent prayer night!



Loyal | Faithful | True

Upcoming Events

Formation-April Mary & the Saints: Extended Family for the Journey Parent Program

Deacon Gary Schneider will lead parents in discussing how we have a heavenly family that supports and encourages us.



Grades preK-5

Wednesday, April 12
Dinner at 5:30 pm (optional)

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Program

In St. Joseph Hall



Grades 6, 7, 8



Totus Tuus



TOTUS TUUS

"Totally Yours"

Totus Tuus is a Catholic summer youth program dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel and sharing the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship taught by college students. The program is split into the grade school day program and the middle school/high school evening program.

The Totus Tuus Grade School Day Program is for students entering grades **1-5 in the fall** and is \$50. The program runs **Monday, July 24 through Friday, July 28, 2023** from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm and includes songs, skits, games, prayer, small groups, Mass, recess and large group presentations. We will end the week with a human sundae and water fun! Register with the QR code or on our parish website (stjohnnb.com).

The evening program is for students entering grades **6-12 in the fall** and is \$25. The program runs **Sunday, July 23 through Thursday, July 27, 2023** from 7:00 pm - 9:15 pm and includes large group presentations, small group discussions, games, and night prayer. Students need to register whether they attend one day or the full week. Register with the QR code or on our parish website (stjohnnb.com).



Alive in the WORD

"Easter"

4 Lessons with Sister Clarinda

Class Schedule 2023 | Room 210

9:30 am

Session 1	April 11
Session 2	April 18
Session 3	April 25
Session 4	May 2
Session 5 if needed	May 9

Register with the QR code or on our website (stjohnnb.com).



SJB Parish Library

The next Library Committee Meeting is at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, March 21 in the parish library.

We are always in need of new members to join our committee so please consider checking it out.

Lent Communal Reconciliation

Sunday, April 2 from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Twelve priests will be available to hear private Confessions and give absolution.

LENT
Pray + Fast + Give

March is Minnesota Food Share Month

This weekend, March 18 and 19, our members will be handing out grocery bags with a suggested list of needed items and/or donation envelope. We ask that you return them the following weekend, March 25 and 26 so we can stock our own St. John's food shelf and deliver remaining bags to the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf. We are all sharing the pinch of inflation, yet we ask for your generosity to fill St. Paul Plaza again this year. "When were you hungry, Lord, and we fed you?"

Sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society



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.

Easter Decoration Memorials

If you would like to remember someone who has died or honor someone special, we invite you to make a donation in their name(s) to the Easter Plant, Wreath & Tree Fund. Please complete this form or use the envelope included in your packet and send it with \$20 (suggested amount) to the Parish Center, or drop it in the Sunday collection.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

In Memory of / In Honor of:

From:

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ **ck #** _____

Envelope #: _____

A Message of Thanks...

Thank you to all those who attended the Called Forth to Prepare for Heaven Estate Planning seminar on Thursday, March 2. Over fifty parishioners and friends joined us to hear an inspiring presentation from Father Paul on the sacraments and preparing for heaven. Parishioner and attorney Marty Schutz spoke on the legal aspects of estate planning as well as Catholic health care directives. We are also grateful to Michael Cassel from Con-fetti Wealth for his presentation on Leaving a Legacy.

If you would like information on leaving a legacy gift to St. John the Baptist through your will or estate plan, please contact Mary May, Development Associate, at 651-633-8333, x1253. Those who make a bequest to our parish become honorary members of St. John the Baptist Legacy Society. To learn more, visit the Legacy Society webpage by selecting "Donate" then "Legacy Gift" at www.stjohnnb.com.

Compassion Connect Clinic

The **New Brighton Compassion Clinic** is scheduled for Saturday, April 22 at Highview Middle School. Many volunteers are still needed to help with set-up and tear down, way-finding, kids zone, registration, prayer support and more. Please consider supporting the clinic with your time and talents--we have a spot for you and our community members with the greatest of needs value and appreciate it! Check out the flyers posted at church entrances. Register now at ccvolunteer.com/newbrighton

Contact Gwen Schuller-Bebus for more information at gsbebus75@gmail.com

God Bless you for your gift of time to help those in need

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.

Youth Ministry

Take and Eat Young Adult Gathering

A THREE COURSE MEAL FOR YOUNG ADULTS

CHEW ON THE WORD

4:00 pm Meditation in St. Joseph's Hall

RECIEVE THE EUCHARIST

5:30 pm Mass, Sit Near Icon of St. John B.

DINNER OUT TO EAT

6:30 pm Location TBD Each Week

EVERY SUNDAY

CONTACT SARAH WILDER WITH QUESTIONS

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP



Wednesday, March 22
8:00 pm—9:30 pm
Youth Room

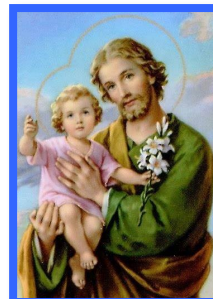
Sign up for Summer Trips

To sign up for the Steubenville Youth Conference or the Mission Trip, simply go to our parish website (stjohnnb.com) and find the register link under the 'Upcoming Events' button or under the 'Youth Grades 6-12' tab.

Odds and Ends

The greatness of Saint Joseph is that he was the spouse of Mary and the father of Jesus. In this way, he placed himself, in the words of Saint John Chrysostom, 'at the service of the entire plan of salvation.'

Saint Joseph
(Feast Day March 19)



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Make a tax deductible cash donation from the sale of your car, van, or truck. The Knights of Columbus will manage the marketing, sale and transfer of title. Proceeds will be used to support the ministries of St. John the Baptist Church and School. Please contact Larry Paron of the Knights for more information at 612-400-4274.



Announcement and Bulletin Update

All announcements are due by 12:00 pm (noon) on Thursday for inclusion in the weekend pulpit announcements.

Send to Margaret Harmon at harmonm@stjohnnyb.org

The bulletin submission deadline is the end of the business day on Thursday, 10 days before the Sunday publication date. All submissions will be edited for length and content and are subject to final approval. Space is limited. Thank you for your cooperation.

Send requests to: sjb@stjohnnyb.org

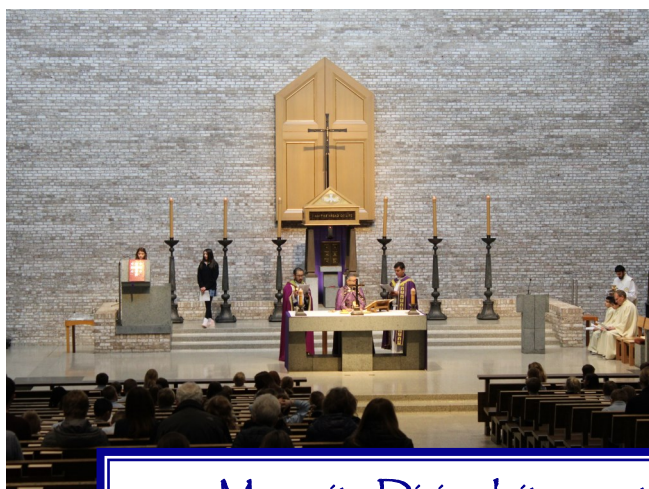
Parish Life



Knights of Columbus Fish Fry on Friday, March 10
The next Fish Fry will be on Friday, March 31



Anointing Mass ~ Saturday, March 11



Maronite Divine Liturgy at SJB ~ Wednesday, March 8

Respect Life

What You Do Matters

By Mary Kohlhaas

First of all, I want to state that anyone who has had an abortion, encouraged or paid for an abortion, or helped in any way to make it happen has hope. Jesus just asks that we repent for our shortcomings and wrong choices and ask for His forgiveness and it is ours in abundance! He is just waiting for you to turn to His Love and Compassion and tell Him you need Him and His forgiveness for whatever you are truly repentant of. **NO ONE IS TURNED AWAY.** He loves you more right now than He ever could, and you can do nothing to make Him love you less, and nothing to make Him love you more. He loves you perfectly already, but He can also help you forgive yourself for whatever you need.

Secondly - the Abortion Pill.

Did you know that “chemical abortions, which involve a two-drug cocktail of mifepristone and misoprostol, now represent 54% of all U.S. abortions, although they present four times the number of harmful side effects as less-profitable surgical abortions.”¹ The first of the two pills given are to eliminate the baby in utero, misoprostol, will stop all nutrition from going to the child, causing the baby to starve to death. The second pill, mifepristone, causes the mother’s uterus to contract and expel the body of the baby, hopefully all of the baby. Can you imagine this happening, on your own, at home, alone? I can’t imagine the fear or loneliness in this kind of situation. And then, if there are adverse effects...no medical oversight, no being sure it was done successfully, no doctor there in case of emergency. The movie, “Unplanned” has a gripping depiction of a chemical abortion that is tough to forget.

It is soon supposed to be more easily accessible to the public through CVS, Rite Aid, and Walgreens Pharmacies. So, if what you do matters, can you continue to support these businesses with your dollars after they make the jump into dealing death pills? There is no stretch of the imagination that can justify these pills as healthcare when their sole purpose is to take the life of the baby. I encourage you to talk to your pharmacist, challenge them on what the company is asking of them: to deal in death, and encourage them to think about what that means. Pray for them, explain your stance on supporting life and ask them to stand with you. But leave no doubt that your money cannot support a business that includes providing the means to kill a baby and leaving a mother in the aftermath, alone.

In both of these instances, What You Do Matters.

¹ *The Washington Stand*, Ben Johnson March 8, 2023

Please Pray For...

Those who have entered eternal life:

Martin Wolle

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, 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, 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, Sharon Bowen, Larry Tenold

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: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Around the Archdiocese

The Living Stations of the Cross

The youth of Church of Saint Paul are preparing The Living Stations of the Cross, a reenactment of Jesus' death and resurrection with inspirational live music, prayer, and testimonies for people to experience first-hand how much Jesus sacrificed for each of us.

Thursday, March 23 - 7:00 pm
Church of Saint Paul in Ham Lake
No cost to attend
free-will offerings accepted.

Interested in going?
Contact Mary in the Pastoral Ministry Office.
763.242.4229 c/651.633.8333 x1229
or kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org

Converging Roads Health Care Ethics Conference

Catholic Health Care Ethics
April 1, 2023

St. Mary's University of Minnesota | Minneapolis, MN

Presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation, the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, Guilds from the Midwest Region of the Catholic Medical Association, and Curatio Apostolate.

Continuing education credits for healthcare professionals will be offered.
In-Person Registration: \$75-\$159
based on CME/CNE inclusion.
Online Registration: \$45-\$129
based on CME/CNE inclusion.

For more information, please visit convergingroads.com or email sydney@forlifeandfamily.org.

Mass of Consecration to the Life of Virginity

Saturday, March 25, 11:00 am,
Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis

All are invited to join Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda as he presides over The Mass of Solemn Consecration of four women to the life of Consecrated Virginity Lived in the World. Prior to the 11:00 am Mass, the Serra Club will lead a Rosary for an increase in vocations in our Archdiocese. Parking and map can be found at mary.org.

Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-elect Michael Izen

Tuesday, April 11, Cathedral of Saint Paul, Saint Paul

On January 5, 2023, Pope Francis 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. Save the date for his Episcopal Ordination. Learn more about Bishop-elect Izen by scanning the QR code and keep updated at thecatholicspirit.com.



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—Friar Gilberto Cavazos-González, OFM,



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