

May 7, 2023
5th Sunday of Easter

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

Congratulations on your
First Holy Communion!

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PARISH CENTER HOURS

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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

Open after the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses

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.

Stay Connected:

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<https://www.facebook.com/SJBNewBrighton/>

Follow us on Instagram: @stjohnnyb_church

Subscribe to our YouTube Channel <https://bit.ly/3n9WnGQ>

EMAIL: sjb@stjohnnyb.org

Visit our website: www.stjohnnb.com

Archdiocese's Victim/Survivor Assistance Program

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

Schedule of Events

Monday, May 8, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass (Bud and Bettie Gormally+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Church
3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook
7:00 PM Baptism Preparation Class ~ 206/208

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass (For the living and deceased members of the Koslowski family) 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, May 10, 2023

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM School Mass with May Crowning (Ken Kapsner+) Church ~ Archbishop Hebda, Fr. Paul, and Fr. Joseph
9:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks ~ St. Therese
9:30 AM Faithfully Fit ~ 210
3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook
5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
5:30 PM Mass (Susan St. Onge) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal ~ LL 101
7:00 PM Contemporary Group Rehearsal ~ Church
8:00 PM Senior High Youth Group ~ LL 106

Thursday, May 11, 2023

6:30 AM Men's Fellowship ~ St. Joseph Hall
8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass (The Tran Family Souls) 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, May 12, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass (Dale Dufault+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
9:30 AM Legion of Mary ~ 204
3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook

Saturday, May 13, 2023

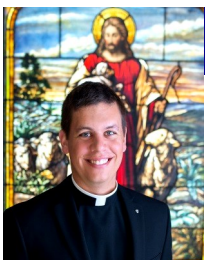
Mother's Day Flower Sale

9:00 AM Gift Faith Study ~ 211
3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook
3:15 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
4:30 PM Vigil Mass (Pro Populo) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
5:30 PM New Parishioner Orientation ~ St. Joseph Hall

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Mother's Day Flower Sale

8:30 AM Mass (Bev Stampfle+ and Jim Verbrugge+) Church ~ Fr. Paul
9:30 AM New Parishioner Orientation ~ St. Joseph Hall
10:30 AM Mass (Thong Nguyen+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
11:30 AM New Parishioner Orientation ~ St. Joseph Hall
4:00 PM Take and Eat Young Adult Gathering ~ St. Joseph Hall
5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
5:30 PM Mass (Mary Schoepf) Church ~ Fr. Paul
6:30 PM New Parishioner Orientation ~ St. Joseph Hall



From the Pastor: Father Paul Shovelain

Called Forth to Live like the Lord!

In our first reading at Mass this weekend, we see that establishing the kingdom of God is a team effort as the deacons are called forth to assist the apostles in their ministry. In the Gospel, Jesus calls His apostles forth to follow Him, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We, too, are called forth on the Way as we navigate the ups and downs of our lives. What does the Way look like? Well, look to Christ and look at the Saints. Christ is the Way, as He leads us back to the Father. The Saints follow the Way to get to Heaven. Thus, we are invited to reflect upon the response of the Saints in order to see more clearly the Way to Heaven.

It is a team effort to get to Heaven, as we need to support each other on the Way. It was important for Christ to have His team of 12 and it is important for us to have people around us to support our growth in holiness. Hence, I am excited for Archbishop Hebda's priority of small groups for the upcoming year. I find that I need teammates around me to help me stay on the path and help me along in times of difficulty. I find that their commitment to stay on the Way, inspires me to stay the course as well.

This weekend and next we celebrate the First Holy Communion of 53 students. It has been a team effort to help these students reach this spot along the Way. First, it was their parents and Godparents who brought them to the Church to be baptized. They have continued to nurture the faith of their children through participation in Sunday Mass. At SJB, we provide Sunday school, as well as our wonderful Catholic School, and our Family Faith Formation program which has helped the children continue to develop. It has taken a team to help get them to this spot. We need a team to help them continue along the Way from this spot. Please pray for them and help us to continue to build support through our ministries. God is calling them forth along the Way, and He wants you to help them by witnessing your own faithfulness to the Way of Christ.

As Catholics, we live differently. We live with selflessness as we follow Christ's Way, rather than doing it our way. His Way is the path that leads to life in abundance. Think about today how the Lord desires you to be called forth along the Way and how He invites you to call others forth along the way as well!

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

Father Paul Shovelain

*"Withdraw your heart
from the world before God
takes your body from it."*

~ Saint John of Avila
(Feast Day May 10)



Upcoming Events

Catholic Watchmen

The next Watchmen meeting is at 6:30 pm on Thursday, May 11 in St. Joseph Hall.



Charlie Anderson, MPA will be presenting *"Becoming Men of Greater Faith"*. He is a Police Commander, Commissioned Intelligence Officer, City Councilman, and is very passionate about public safety.

We will have food and drink followed by the presentation, Adoration, and Confession.

Men's Fellowship

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

Metanoia – A Journey with Christ into Conversion
DVD Series

Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, President of Franciscan University, leads us on a journey with Christ into conversion.

Exploring areas of life where conversion is so often necessary. *Metanoia* will examine topics such as who Jesus is, what must we do to inherit eternal life, and many other significant matters of faith. Along with powerful insights from Fr. Dave, *Metanoia* shares personal testimonies from men and women of all ages and vocations. Their stories inspire and encourage a life-changing encounter with Jesus and the new life He is constantly inviting us to.

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

This Month in the Library

This month of May the church celebrates the Ascension of our Lord, and Pentecost (gift of the Holy Spirit). May is the month we remember our heavenly Mother, Mary and Mother's Day, the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth, Our Lady of Fatima (apparitions of Mary occurred in 1917 to 3 shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal culminating in the miracle of the dancing sun).

We also remember St. Damien of Molokai and his work with the Lepers, St. Philip Neri, St. John I (Pope and Martyr), St. Rita of Cascia.

Books, DVDs, and CDs to enrich your faith.
Saint John the Baptist Parish Library

No Sunday Nursery next Weekend

On Mother's Day, May 14, we will not be having Sunday Nursery at St. John's during any of the Masses. Please make note and plan accordingly. We will resume Sunday Nursery again the following weekend of May 21.

Widows & Widowers

Calling all widows and widowers! Are you looking for a new social group or friend network? Come have lunch with us! Our next get together is Monday, May 8 at 11:30 am at the Perkins on County Rd. D.

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



Council of Catholic Women

The Council of Catholic Women (CCW) will end their 2022-2023 year with a meeting at 6:30 pm on Monday, May 15. Please bring a dessert to share!

We always welcome new members! If you have any questions, please call Lu at 651-633-0710.

Our Parish Events

Parish Rummage Sale

June 23, 24, and 25 in the SJB School Gym. Get your items ready to sell! Proceeds go to St. John's School. No clothing, electronics, or heavy items (i.e. furniture).

Parish Ice Cream Social

July 16 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in St. Joseph Hall.

St. John's Choir and Orchestra Concert

Sunday, May 21, 2023
2:00 pm
In The Church

The St. John the Baptist Parish Choir and Festival Orchestra is presenting a free concert!

Performing:
The Hallelujah Chorus
and Third Part of
George Frideric Handel's "Messiah"

Refreshments to follow in Saint Joseph Hall

Upcoming Events

Cemetery Clean Up May 20

Spring is the time to clean! Our cemetery is a beautiful space that has provided hallowed ground for the remains of our loved ones for more than 100 years. With the passing of winter and the joy of Easter, comes new life, even in our cemetery!

For those able and interested, **please join us at the cemetery on Saturday, May 20, from 9:30 am until 12:00 pm (noon)** to rake, trim, pick up, bag, water, plant, wash – whatever needs doing and will beautify our cemetery. The event will end at 12:00 pm with snacks and a light lunch provided at the cemetery! Please dress appropriately, including gloves to protect your hands, and bring yard tools (rakes, trowels, etc.) if you have them.

Cemetery Committee member Mary Karls and Cemetery Caretaker Jeff Bauer will direct the work of our volunteers that morning. Please RSVP to Maureen Owusu at 651-633-8333, ext. 1255 or owusum@stjohnnyb.org. Please also indicate if you wish to join us for lunch at the cemetery.

By working together to make our cemetery beautiful we honor those who are buried there, and we help to make our cemetery a welcoming place for prayer.

Thank you!



Feast of St. John the Baptist

Thursday, June 22 is the St. John The Baptist Feast Day “Revival” event. There will be Dinner, a DJ/ Street Dance, and plenty of fun.

Sunday, June 25 is the St. John’s Feast Day Waffle Breakfast.



50 Year Club Save the Date!

St. John the Baptist 50 Year Club will gather for a luncheon in St. Joseph Hall on Thursday, June 15, 2023, with Father Andrew Jaspers as the featured speaker.

Mark your calendars for this exceptional opportunity to see long-time friends and celebrate all God has done at St. John’s. We look forward to expressing our gratitude for your generosity and dedication!

Parishioners who have been in our parish for 50 years or more are all honorary members of the 50 Year Club. If you registered in 1973, we welcome you as a member! You will receive a letter soon with more information on 50 Year Club activities at St. John the Baptist.

If you have any questions, please contact Rita Arndorfer, Development Assistant, at 651-633-8333, x1220, or arn-dorferr@stjohnnyb.org.



Weekend Experience Survey

Last Tuesday, May 2, we sent you an email containing a survey focused around your Sunday experience at St. John’s. We are looking for feedback so that we can better understand and serve our parish flock.

Thank you to all who have completed the survey! If you haven’t finished it yet, please do so either with the email you received or with a paper copy of which you may find at the Harvest Table. Paper copies are turned in at the Welcome Desk or Parish Office

Quilters Ministry

SJB Quilters will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 1 - 3 pm in Room 203. We’ve had many fabric and quilt tops donated. 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.





2023-24 Early Registration for Fall Programs ~ Sacraments ~



RCIC – Rite of Christian Initiation for Children

RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children) is for children between ages 8 and 14 who have completed 2nd grade and are looking to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, or Reconciliation. Students who have been baptized and are in need of Eucharist and First Reconciliation are also welcomed. Parents accompany the child in the process with regular meetings. Youth also receive instruction with their peers by registering with Family Formation, Middle School Formation, or enrollment in our St. John's parish school.

Contact Jill Fink, Director of Catechesis, at finkj@stjohnnyb.org with questions.



Becoming Catholic RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



RCIA is the process by which adult men and women are initiated into the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Baptized adults also are welcome to complete initiation sacraments. Sessions meet weekly from mid-September until after Easter on Thursday evenings from 7:00 pm—9:00 pm in Room 206.

Contact Jill Fink, Director of Catechesis, at finkj@stjohnnyb.org with questions.

First Sacraments

The preparation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion are completed during second grade. Preparation includes parents guiding their children through weekly home lessons, attending Parent/Child orientations, retreats and celebrations. Children receive additional partnership within the Family Formation program or St. John's parish school. All children will register for the First Sacraments in addition to their ongoing formation of parish school or Family Formation.

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

Contact Jill Fink, Director of Catechesis, at finkj@stjohnnyb.org with questions.



Confirmation



Confirmation registration is now open for those entering grades 9th—12th in the fall! Here at SJB, our Confirmation Preparation is a 1-year, weekly, small group based program including an off-site weekend retreat. Small Groups meet onsite on Sunday evenings from 6:45 pm—8:15 pm.



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

Our Confirmation Parent & Student Orientation will be Sunday, October 1, 2023, from 6:45 pm—8:15 pm in St. Joseph Hall.

Contact Mikayla Anderson, Coordinator of High School Youth Ministry and Confirmation, with any questions – andersonm@stjohnnyb.org

Confirmation Small Group Leaders Needed!

Our Confirmation Preparation Program needs small group leaders who are eager to lead our youth in this specific year of deepening their faith. Commitment level is Sunday evenings throughout the school year from 6:45 pm—8:15 pm and a weekend retreat.

Contact Mikayla Anderson for more information, or if you are interested in helping! andersonm@stjohnnyb.org



2023-24 Early Registration for Fall Programs

~ Formation ~



Sunday School



Sunday School is discipleship training for our littlest disciples (ages 3 through kindergarten). The sessions consist of a Bible story and lesson, songs, crafts, and saint stories. We meet most Sundays during the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses from October through April. All children must be registered prior to attending/participating in the Sunday School program. All children must be potty trained to enroll. Registration is now open on our website <https://stjohnnb.com/faith-formation/children/> and you can also find our calendar there as well. **Early bird pricing is happening now!** Sunday School Orientation is September 17 after the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses.

Contact Jen Livermont at livermontj@stjohnnyb.org with questions.

Family Formation

The Family Formation program is for families with children in preschool – 5th grade, where parents and children grow in discipleship together. Family Formation is designed for parents to be equipped to fulfill their call to be the first and foremost educators of their children's faith. This program is offered in-person on the first Wednesday of every month of the formation year (October – May). Parents attend a speaker on the topic for the month, while students meet in grade-specific classes for catechesis. Parents will receive materials and guidance to teach their children three additional lessons at home during the rest of the month. Registration is now open on our website <https://stjohnnb.com/faith-formation/children/> and you can also find more information and our calendar there as well. **Early bird pricing is happening now!** Family Formation Kick-Off is September 20. Contact Jen Livermont at livermontj@stjohnnyb.org with questions.



Middle School Formation



Our Middle School Faith Formation program is growing and developing! Over three years, students will develop a firm foundation of faith to carry with them into high school and beyond. Next year, our 6th graders will take a journey through the Old Testament and learn the basic of how to navigate the bible. Our 7th and 8th graders will do a study on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ as they learn to pray with scripture and to hear God speaking through his Word. Registration is now open with an early bird rate of \$65 until August 1 when it will go to \$80. See the website for more information or to register. Contact Sarah Wilder, Coordinator of Middle School Youth Ministry, at wilders@stjohnnyb.org with questions.

Childcare Help Needed

We are looking for two childcare helpers for Thursday mornings. This could be either a paid position or a volunteer position. We have other daytime, evening and weekend times when we need childcare help on a sporadic basis. Help us support this important ministry! In the past, we have had employees bring a child with them to childcare, so it can be a nice way for a young child not yet in school to get some socialization, while you earn some extra money! Contact Jen Livermont at livermontj@stjohnnyb.org if you have questions.

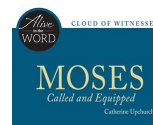
Sister Clarinda's Fall Scripture Class "Holy Spirit"

Classes are on Wednesdays from 9:30 am—11:00 am. The first class is on September 20, 2023. Register early for only \$30. Online registrations are open! Please visit our website to register.

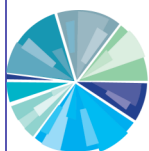
Alive in the Word

Sister Clarinda's "Moses and Sunday Scripture" There are 5 Lessons in this series. Classes are on Tuesdays from 9:30 am—11:00 am. The first class is on September 26, 2022. Register early for only \$10. Online registrations are open! Please visit our website to register.

The second fall "Alive in the Word,"
.....coming October 2023 "Forgiveness" look for registration this summer.....



Generous Spirit Opportunities



CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL FOUNDATION

SERVE • SUPPORT • STRENGTHEN

A reminder that the Catholic Services Appeal "For the Love of Christ Impels Us..." is still in process.

To date we have reached 54% of St. John's parish goal. If you haven't donated yet, there is still time to make your gift, no matter how large or small. You will be supporting an array of ministries that include pro-life, seminarian formation, Catholic education, and services to those most in need across the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. At this time, we have received responses from 190 of our parishioners. Our goal is to hear from all members of our parish. Envelopes are available on the Harvest Table. You may also make a secure gift online at www.csafspm.org or use the QR code. Thank you in advance for your support!



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. Below you can see an image of our sixth carload of donated medical goods sent to Rochester destined for Haiti. A previous 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.



Please Pray For...

Those who have entered eternal life:

Charles Heath, Bob Miller

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, 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, 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, Sharon Bowen, Larry Tenold, Sam Schullo, Carri Buckanogwa, Joe Brennan, Irene Tschida, Marge McCann, Nancy Winiecki, Jean Schullo, Doug Lausen, Jack Kordiak

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: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16;
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21;
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5;
Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10;
Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 & 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1
Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

Parish Life

**Night of Gratitude for Office of Discipleship and Mission Volunteers.
We thank you for your witness to living out of a generous spirit!**



Thoughts On The Value of Motherhood

As we reflect on motherhood this coming Mother's Day, let us contemplate these words as spoken by others:

- "The most important person on earth is a mother. She has built a dwelling for an immortal soul, her baby's body. The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to heaven. Only a human mother can." -- The Venerable Cardinal Josef Mindszenty of Hungary (1892-1975)
- "A Mother"
When you're a child she walks before you, to set an example.
When you're a teenager she walks behind you, to be there should you need her.
When you're an adult she walks beside you, so that as two friends you can enjoy life together. -- Author Unknown
- "Every newborn represents our eternal chance at new beginnings." -- Anne Geddes, World Famous Photographer
- "The seeds for the destruction of the family are found in the denigration of the concept of motherhood."
-- Dr. Maria Fedoryka, Ave Maria University
- "Am I not here, I who am your mother?" -- Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn



We invite you to honor our mothers with the purchase of a flower gift on Mother's Day from the St. John the Baptist Respect Life Committee. Your purchase supports our ministry in protecting the unborn and serving mothers and their children in need. The flower gifts will be available after Mass on Saturday, May 13 and the morning Masses on Sunday, May 14. To learn more about our mission at Respect Life, contact Jacquie Schmitz at gj.schmitz@comcast.net.

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!

Life is Wonderful!

Join Abria Pregnancy Resources for the annual **Life is Wonderful Event** on Saturday, May 13! This family friendly event will include a 10K, 5K, walk and kids fun run at beautiful Lake Harriet. This is a great way to get involved as a parish family and **support life!**

For more information visit Supporters.abria.org

Top Reasons to Oppose Assisted Suicide

Read the full version at
respectlife.org/reasons-against-assisted-suicide.

Some polls indicate that the public is receptive to assisted suicide. But the same polls show that people's views shift when they learn about its dangers—especially the dangers for those who are poor, elderly, disabled, or without access to good medical care. Consider that, in Oregon and California, some patients' health insurance offered to pay for assisted suicide, but not treatment. **Assisted suicide fosters discrimination.** And in states where assisted suicide is legal, often no psychiatric evaluation or treatment is required. Additionally, assisted suicide fosters discrimination by creating two classes of people: those whose suicides we spend millions of dollars to prevent and those whose suicides we assist and treat as a positive good.

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