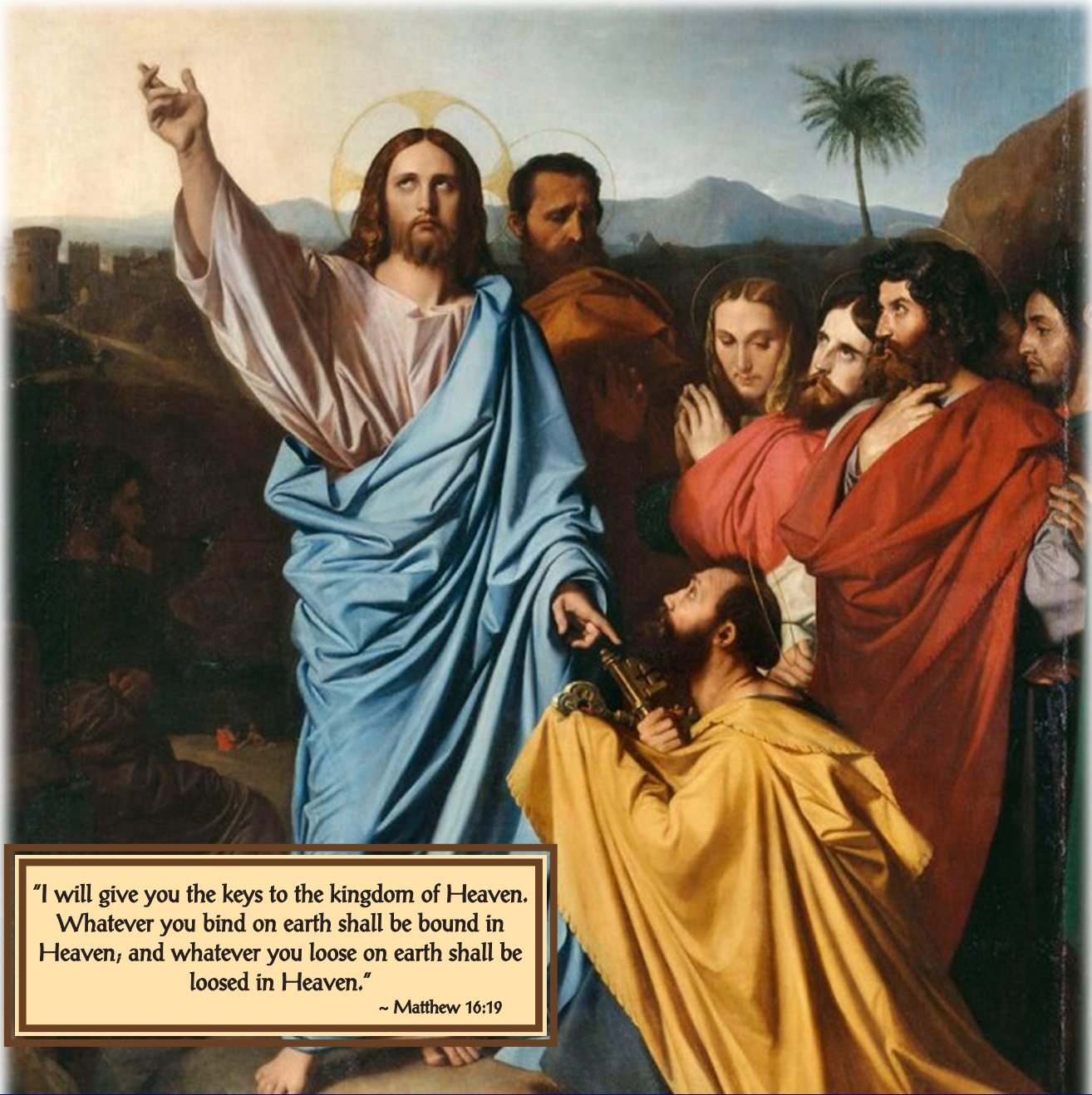


Bearing witness to Jesus Christ who is the Way, the Truth and the Life: **GO. MAKE. TEACH.**  
Our Core Values: a reliance on prayer, a willingness to grow, a generous spirit



**"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of Heaven.  
Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in  
Heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be  
loosed in Heaven."**

*~ Matthew 16:19*

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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

**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:

LIKE OR FOLLOW US on FACEBOOK

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

Follow us on Instagram: @stjohnnyb\_church

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

EMAIL: [sjb@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:sjb@stjohnnyb.org)

Visit our website: [www.stjohnnb.com](http://www.stjohnnb.com)

Archdiocese's Victim/Survivor Assistance Program

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

## Schedule of Events

### Monday, August 28, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church  
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
8:30 AM Mass (Jane Campal+ and Cecilia Bay Nguyen+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph  
9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Church  
3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook

### Tuesday, August 29, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church  
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
8:30 AM Mass (Adam Johnson and Wayne Zenk) Church ~ Fr. Joseph  
9:00 AM Kidz Closet ~ 203  
3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook

### Wednesday, August 30, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church  
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
8:30 AM Mass (Luverne Velandier+) Church ~ Fr. Paul  
9:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks ~ St. Therese  
9:30 AM Faithfully Fit ~ 210  
3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook  
5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
5:30 PM Mass (Heather Andersohn and Elizabeth Clearmont) Chapel of the Angels ~ Fr. Joseph  
7:00 PM 8th Grade Summer Study ~ 207

### Thursday, August 31, 2023

6:30 AM Men's Fellowship ~ St. Joseph Hall  
8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church  
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
8:30 AM Mass (Living and deceased members of the Reed and Dianne Johnson Family) Church ~ Fr. Paul  
3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook  
6:00 PM FallFest Committee Meeting ~ 211

### Friday, September 1, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church  
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
8:30 AM Mass (Jeanne Ehling and Mary Tuanh Tran+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph  
9:30 AM Legion of Mary ~ 211  
3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook

### Saturday, September 2, 2023

3:00 PM Gather to Witness Prayers ~ Facebook  
3:15 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
4:30 PM Vigil Mass (Floyd Udermann and Hedwig Breske+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph  
5:30 PM Hospitality ~ St. Joseph Hall

### Sunday, September 3, 2023

8:30 AM Mass (Pro Populo) Church ~ Fr. Paul  
9:30 AM Hospitality ~ St. Joseph Hall  
10:30 AM Mass (Jim Verbrugge+) Church ~ Fr. Paul  
11:30 AM Hospitality ~ St. Joseph Hall  
3:00 PM Gather to Witness Prayers ~ Facebook  
4:45 PM Young Men's Bible Study ~ 211  
5:45 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
6:15 PM Mass (Theresa Etnier) Church ~ Fr. Joseph

*On the cover: Jesus Returning the Keys to St. Peter (1820)  
by Jean Auguste Dominique Ingres*





## *From Director of Business Operations: Mark Dittman*

### *Summer Projects at St. John's*

In addition to the many opportunities to "Gather to Witness" the presence of Christ this summer at SJB, we completed many important projects that support our ministries. This year we completed the following:

- Restriped the east and west parking lots
- Rebuilt the brick planters near Door 1 off the west parking lot
- Replaced the rectory driveway
- Resurfaced the Welcome Desk work surface
- Replaced the Welcome Desk carpet
- Replaced the ceiling tiles in St. Paul Plaza
- Painted the school cafeteria
- Installed three new exterior security cameras on the north side of the school building
- Replaced several sidewalk sections (in process)
- Landscaping around the campus, including new mulch and rock in several locations
- Put the finishing touches on the chapel renovation project, including network wiring for a streaming camera
- Replaced two sets of exterior doors at the school (the flagpole and gym doors)
- Several upgrades in the Youth Room: carpet, paint, door, and flooring in the east room
- Planted 17 trees in our cemetery
- Installed new landscaping curbing in the cemetery



These improvements were in addition to regular ongoing summer maintenance such as cleaning light fixtures, adding outlets, replacing fire repression heads, and a wide variety of cleaning and ongoing maintenance projects. Funding for these projects was from our own maintenance budget for the more routine improvements and our capital reserves for some of the bigger items. We also received grant money for the Youth Room upgrades and school door replacement, in addition to 2022 Wish List gifts for the cemetery trees, landscape curbing, and the school doors. And, the Chapel of the Angels renovation was funded through the generosity of St. John's parishioners and friends who provided memorial gifts and other contributions, including a special grant for LED lighting to improve energy efficiency in our space. It has been a busy summer, filled with God's blessings and the generosity of so many people, for which the parish is grateful!

#### **Fiscal Year End: June 30, 2023**

Watch a near future bulletin for a financial report on the fiscal year that just ended. Preliminary reports reveal that St. John the Baptist had a strong year financially. Our overall net of revenue over expense (church, school & preschool) was budgeted to be zero but we ended the year net positive. The year-end financial report will have more commentary and analysis. Thank you all for your generosity to our church and school!

#### **Communal Burial of Cremated Remains**

A significant ministry offering of St. John the Baptist Cemetery this year is the offer to bury cremated remains in a communal grave. We are accepting requests for the burial of cremated remains of persons who passed away prior to July 1, 2022 in a communal vault with a committal service by Fr. Paul Shovelain at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 14, 2023. There is no cost to participate in this burial. Contact Mark Dittman, Director of Business Operations for more information at [dittmanm@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:dittmanm@stjohnnyb.org) or 651-633-8333, ext. 1215.

Thank you all for your reliance on prayer, your willingness to grow, and your generous spirit!

### Thinking of Becoming Catholic?

Becoming Catholic  
RCIA Information Session

Sunday, August 27

9:30 am

(time convenient between the morning Masses)

Room 206/208

no registration necessary  
come for information for yourself or to give to a friend



For more information contact  
Jill Fink  
Director of Discipleship  
651.633.1540 ext 1280 or  
finkj@stjohnnyb.org



### BACKPACK BLESSING

**August 26 & 27, 2023 at the  
end of all Masses**

**Say goodbye to summer and start  
the school year off right with a  
backpack blessing!**

*Kids bring their  
backpack and  
receive a  
keychain!*



### Ignite Music at Morning Mass in August

This Sunday, August 27, we will have the Ignite Group playing music at the 8:30 am and 10:30 am morning Masses. This will be a new opportunity going forward—to have them play one Sunday morning a month. This is in response to our weekend experience survey results where it was highly requested to have this music at the earlier Sunday Masses.

**Meet My Teacher Meetings** for preschool students and their families will be held on Tuesday, August 29 - Thursday, August 31. Information on signing up for a time came in the Welcome email from the director.

SJB Preschool is looking to hire additional Care Crew teachers for our after-school program. Hours are approximately 2:30 pm -5:30 pm Monday - Friday. If you or someone you know may be interested, we invite you to please contact Andrea Schroeder at [schroedera@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:schroedera@stjohnnyb.org)

### Incense at Mass

We will have incense at Mass on

- † **Tuesday, August 29 at 8:30 am** for the Solemnity of the Passion of St. John the Baptist
- † **Monday, September 4 at 9:00 am** for Labor Day.
- † **Saturday, September 23 at 4:30 pm** for the Mass with multicultural music.



### Respect Life Meeting Change

The August Respect Life Meeting has been moved to August 29. There were too many members who could not attend the meeting on August 22, so it was decided to have the Abria Northside staff present at one of our meetings in the Fall. Please watch for more information.

### Sunday Nursery

Due to the Labor Day Holiday, there will be no Sunday nursery on Sunday, September 3. We apologize for the inconvenience.

### Young Adult Men's Small Group Sundays 4:30 pm—6:00 pm

A new men's small group for the young adults of our parish is starting! Meetings are at 4:30 pm before the 6:15 pm Mass. The time will shift when the Mass time shifts after Labor Day. If interested, please email Sarah at [wilders@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:wilders@stjohnnyb.org).

## Happening at St. John's

### Men's Fellowship

Thursday Mornings 6:30 am—8:00 am  
August 31 – September 21, 2023

*The Heresies - EWTN DVD Series*

While the Catholic Church has always maintained the Truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, there have been numerous challenges to its authority and sovereignty. *The Heresies* explores these threats, what their adherents believed and why it matters. Priests, theologians and philosophers have starring roles in the contentious religious debates, and provide a deeper appreciation for the current ideological threats facing the Church today.

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

### Caregiver's Group

For all those who are taking care of a loved one and are looking for a break, a support group, and/or a friend to lean on.

We meet on September 5, the 1st Tuesday of the month, from 1:00—2:30 pm in Room 204.

Come join us for a break, good company, good conversation and good prayer. You can come and share or just listen, whatever you are comfortable with; everyone will understand.

### Widows & Widowers

Calling all widows and widowers! Are you looking for a new social group or friend network? Come join us for lunch! Our next get together is Monday, September 11 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](mailto:kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org)

### Catholic Watchmen

The next Watchmen meeting is at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, September 12 in St. Joseph Hall.

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



### Young at Heart Senior Group

Meeting next on September 7, the 1st Thursday of the month, from 2:00 pm—4:00 pm in St. Joseph Hall.

Contact Mary at 763-242-4229 or 651-633-8333 x1229 with comments or questions or [kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org)

### Men's Steak Fry

On September 10 from 12:00 pm—4:00 pm we will be having a steak fry that is free and open to all men! There will be superb sirloin steak, delicious drinks, and fantastic fellowship! Plus we will watch the MN Vikings take on the Buccaneers in their noon game on the big screen in St. Joseph Hall.

Event sponsored by:



### Baptism Celebration Assistants Needed

Do you recall your children's Baptism? Maybe you would like to help those who are celebrating the Blessed Sacrament of Baptism.

If you think God is calling you to serve others and you are interested in being a Baptism Celebration Assistant during our Communal Baptisms presided on the third Sunday of the month, contact Deacon Michael Lane at 651-633-1540 x1219 or email [lanem@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:lanem@stjohnnyb.org).

## Parish Library News



**Saint Clare of Assisi** (August 11) gave up wealth and nobility to found the Franciscan Poor Clares to help the poor, sick, and the marginalized of society.



**Saint Maximilian Kolbe** (August 14) a Polish Franciscan missionary who gave his life in the Auschwitz concentration camp to save another condemned prisoner. He founded the Militia of Mary Immaculata to promote Marian devotion.

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (August 15) celebrates the Queenship of our Blessed Mother.

Visit our sections on Mary, Mass, Christian Life, Ministry, and Saints.



#### New Hours:

Open after all weekend Masses, including Sunday evening!



The Library is up the ramp across from the Archives case.

Books, DVDs, and CDs to enrich your faith.

**St. John the Baptist Parish Library**



## Happening at St. John's

### Baby Gift Tree Thank You

The Respect Life Committee would like to thank everyone for all the wonderful gifts you gave mommies, babies, and their little children. St. John the Baptist Kidz Closet, Women's Life Care Center, Birthright of Coon Rapids, Lakes Life Care Center, and Abria Northside Pregnancy Resources were thrilled to receive these much needed supplies!

Thank you again for your generous support. We counted 521 gift slips that were taken from the Baby Gift Tree on the Harvest Table—that's a record high! We would never have been able to do this without you!



Beginning this September, if you are signed up with Flocknote through St. John the Baptist or another parish in the Archdiocese, you will receive a monthly email video messages and a weekly newsletter directly from Archbishop Hebda.

The purpose of the videos, which will be released the first Monday of each month, is to inspire and encourage us, the faithful, as well as strengthen our relationship to this local Church and to our parish. The video messages, titled "Together on the Journey," will also be posted on the archdiocesan website and shared via social media.

If you wish to receive these monthly inspiring and encouraging videos and newsletter, please contact Deacon Michael Lane at [lanem@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:lanem@stjohnnyb.org) to be added to the list.

### Faithfully Fit

Come join us for Faithfully Fit, being held on Wednesdays at 9:30 am in Room 210. You are welcome to join us any Wednesday.



We are a fun group of SJB parishioners who enjoy quality fellowship time together; strengthening our relationship with Christ, while also strengthening our physical bodies at the same time.

*Hope to see you next Wednesday!*

### SJB Altar Server Training

"The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve."  
~ Matthew 20:28 / Mark 10:45 ~

St. John the Baptist is recruiting new altar servers this September! Children in 5th grade and older are welcome to sign up. If you are interested, please fill out the online form by scanning the QR code below. (Parents are welcome to attend the training sessions with their kids)

Questions? Contact Lee Trembl  
at [tremll@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:tremll@stjohnnyb.org)



### Training Sessions:

Monday, September 18 from 2:45 pm - 4:45 pm  
Tuesday, September 19 from 2:45 pm - 4:45 pm

### Server Installation:

Wednesday, September 20 during the 8:30am Mass with a reception to follow in St. Joseph Hall.



### *St. John's Newly Baptized*

*Through water and the word you have become a child of God and are sealed as Christ's own forever.*

#### **Tamilore Jayden**

Parents: Oluseyi and Seyilore Madagua

#### **Owen Micah**

Parents: Brian and Jana Walters

#### **Maverick William**

Parents: Nicholas Vesey and Lisa Collins

#### **Parker The Lam**

Parents: Daniel Shultheis and Angel Tran-Shultheis

#### **Eliza Anne**

Parents: Steve and Catherine Passe



**Congratulations to Brent and Mary Alice Slick  
on their 50th Wedding Anniversary**

### **Job Openings at St. John's**

- Bookkeeper
- Coordinator of Discipleship for High School Youth and Young Adults
- Middle School ELA and Religion Teacher
- 3rd Grade Teacher
- Dean of Students with Teaching Responsibilities

For more information on these jobs, or to apply, please see the Job Opportunities page on our parish website: <https://stjohnnb.com/contact/job-opportunities/>



## FallFest 2023

# 5K/1 Mile FUN RUN & Walk at FALLFEST

Saturday, September  
23, 2023

### ENTRY FEE:

5K: \$30 preregistration price  
\$40 race-day registration price

1 Mile: \$20 preregistration price  
\$30 race-day registration price

Family discounts are offered  
(\$60 max/family)

Preregister by September 6  
to guarantee a T-shirt

### REGISTER ONLINE:

[stjohnnb.com/fallfest/fallfest-fun-run/](http://stjohnnb.com/fallfest/fallfest-fun-run/)



Scan for more  
information



### RACE DAY:

Same-day registration begins at 7:30 am  
and closes at 8:30 am

Packet pick-up will take place at the FallFest Info Tent  
on Friday, September 22, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm, and on race  
day from 7:30 am – 8:30 am

5K begins at 9:00 am, 1 Mile begins at 9:10 am



## FallFest Bean Bag Tournament Saturday, September 23 at 2:00 pm

### Registration opening soon!

Looking for people or businesses to  
sponsor a "lane" for each set of boards.

If interested please email :  
[SJBFallFestBags@outlook.com](mailto:SJBFallFestBags@outlook.com)

Join us for all the traditional community fun  
Raffles, Kids' Games, Food, Bingo,  
Car Show, Polka Mass.

### Mark your calendar for these highlights:

**September 16**

Golf Tournament

**September 22**

Pig Roast, Grill the Priests, Music by The Good,  
The Bad and The Funky at 7:00 pm

**September 23**

Fun Run, Bags Tournament, Car Show, Music by GB  
Leighton at 7:00 pm followed by Fireworks

**September 24**

Booya! Polka Mass, Purse BINGO,  
Vikings Tailgate Party

Questions? Email: [fallfest@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:fallfest@stjohnnyb.org)

### Volunteers needed for FallFest planning!

If interested, please contact

Rita Arndorfer at

[arndorferr@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:arndorferr@stjohnnyb.org) or

Taylor Burns at [tmschmidt19@gmail.com](mailto:tmschmidt19@gmail.com)

### Donations needed for Children's Games!

**NEW!** Ring-a-Pop Prizes– Instead of 2– liter pops,  
please purchase the items below in bottles not cans:  
Gatorade, Powerade, Prime, Sparkling Ice

Cherry Tree Game– Prizes worth \$2.00 or more

Nonperishable items– (small, medium or large sizes)  
Come in packages to 6-50: applesauce, cereal, chips,  
cookies, crackers, donuts, popcorn, pop tarts, pretzels.  
Individual or large– juices, fruit, Jello or pudding packs.

Candy Items: Airheads, Airhead Extremes, Fun Dips,  
Fruit Rollups, Fruit by the Foot, Giant Pixy Sticks, Life  
Savers, M&M's, Ring Pops, Skittles, Tootsie Pops, The-  
ater/King Size Candy Packs. (Any candy kids would  
like)

If not feasible to purchase yourself, please donate  
money by a check in an envelope so we can keep track.

Please drop any item off by September 16 at the wel-  
come desk and label the items or envelopes: For Chil-  
dren's Games, Attn: Jeanne Breske.

Call Jeanne at 651-633-4270 with any questions.



## Perpetual Adoration Chapel

The Adoration Chapel is open from 7:00 pm on Sunday, through 4:00 pm on Saturday. There are still open hours needing adorers. If interested, please either scan the QR code, sign up in person at the Adoration Chapel check-in desk, or email us direct at [sjbadoration@gmail.com](mailto:sjbadoration@gmail.com) to sign up for an hour.

*We have the following hours that are uncovered:*

Monday: 3 am

Tuesday: Noon, 7 pm, 11 pm

Wednesday: 7 am, 1 pm, 6 pm

Thursday: 6 am, 11 am, 11 pm

Friday: 10 pm

Saturday: Noon, 3 pm

Sunday: 8 pm



### News with a Catholic Perspective

The Knights of Columbus sponsors a daily news website: <http://CatholicPulse.com> Catholic Pulse brings you news from around the world together with commentary from the best Catholic minds, analyzing today's most important issues. Daily news in three categories: Church, National, and World News.

Visit and sign up for email alerts.

*"Pray as though everything depended on God.  
Work as though everything depended on you."*

~ Saint Augustine of Hippo  
(Feast Day August 28)



### Readings For The Week

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/ Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/ Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/ Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/ Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

### Please Pray For...

**Those who have entered eternal life:**

Kathryn Packard, Michael Devanie

**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, Poppy Craft, Annette Kirwan, 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, 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, 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 Houle, Jon Latham, Marlene Nickel, Christa Jones, Sue Klinkner, Larry Tenold, Sam Schullo, Carri Buckanogwa, Joe Brennan, Irene Tschida, Nancy Winiacki, Jean Schullo, Doug Lausen, Margaret Wright, Rebecca Valverde, Suzanne Loscheider, Oswald Tschida, Dave Tucci, Trudy Nimis, Joe Miskowic, George Huard, Dustin, Katie, and Harper Boor, Don Grant, Marge McCann, Fr. Michael Skluzacek, Keira Friedman

*If your name has been removed from this list and you would like to be prayed for, please call the parish office.*

**Birthright** Caring help for pregnant women.  
651-646-7033 Saint Paul, 763-757-0715 Coon Rapids

**Prayer Line** 651-633-1618/651-247-4202 Call with your prayer requests. Requests are confidential.



# Gather to Witness in the Mission Fields

an update from Madison Deutscher, former SJB NET Missionary  
and current Damascus Missionary

## **SUMMER!**

Happy summer! This summer I am serving as a counseling lead at our Ohio campus. This summer we will be ministering to a total of 6,500 campers across our three camp locations. 4,700 of those campers are campers at Ohio. Last summer I was a counselor at our Northwoods camp. It is truly amazing to look back and see the ways I have grown and continue to grow, especially at our largest camp location. So many kids are encountering the Lord through our theme this summer, ex morte in vitam (from death to life). I have also experienced the fullness of this theme in the ways that I have died to myself in preference and comfort this summer.



As a counseling lead this summer, I have learned that leadership is truly being at the service of another and getting low to wash their feet. One of the biggest things I have learned about leadership is the importance of leading by example. We are officially halfway through the summer and it has been one of the most stretching and growing experiences of my life. To be a leader is to be selfless. And I have realized that in this role that I am a constant gift of self. In this role I oversee both the campers and counselors with a specific focus on walking with and discipling the summer missionaries. It has been so beautiful to witness college students and young adults come to give up their summers for the greater glory of God!

## **TESTIMONY**

Another role I have been given this summer is being a pastoral leader. As a pastoral leader I specifically oversee five summer missionaries and walk with them very intentionally during summer camp. When I was first asked to step into this role I was a little fearful, not thinking I would be able to fully see, know, and love them. BUT this role has been one of my greatest joys this summer. I have been able to experience so much freedom and sisterhood through this small group. We meet weekly and the Lord has blessed me so much with these amazing, gifted women. Jasmyn, Jessie, Mia, Josie, and Miate are the names of the girls in my pastoral group. I have learned so much from their witness, vulnerability, and trust in me. They have grown so much in virtue and character while being here and I am so grateful to walk alongside them! Please pray for them as we finish this summer, and as they go back home!

## **WHAT'S NEXT?**

I am going into my second year as a full-time missionary! I cannot believe a year has already gone by! When summer camp ends in August, I will have a post-camp break. During break I will be traveling to Spain with some of my friends from Damascus, Anita and Anna. This will be my first time going out of the country and I am so excited to experience the culture and beauty of Spain.

After Spain I will come back to Ohio for full-time missionary culture training. I am excited to step back into the community, formation, and retreat ministry during the year and meeting all of the new missionaries in the program.

Thank you, thank you, thank you! This is the most fulfilling and life-giving mission I could ever be a part of. My heart is full of gratitude for all the continued love and support! I am praying for you!

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