

August 6, 2023
The Feast of the
Transfiguration of the Lord

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



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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

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

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, August 7, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass (Darwin Larson+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Church
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook
 7:00 PM Baptism Prep Class ~ 206/208

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass (Fr. Xavier Dieter+ and the Giraldo Family) Church ~ Fr. Paul
 1:00 PM Quilters Ministry ~ 203
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook
 6:30 PM Catholic Watchmen ~ Offsite
 7:00 PM The Chosen Study ~ 206/208
 7:00 PM Intercessory Prayer Ministry ~ 211
 7:00 PM 8th Grade Summer Study ~ 207

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass (Earl Moore+ and Ralph Woerrle+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 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 (Robert Vogel+ and Christy Sandberg+) Chapel of the Angels ~ Fr. Paul
 7:00 PM High School Summer Youth Group ~ 206/208

Thursday, August 10, 2023

6:30 AM Men's Fellowship ~ St. Joseph Hall
 8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass (Jimmy Woods+ and Bettie Gormally+) Church ~ Fr. Paul
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook

Friday, August 11, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass (Lawrence Wasik+ and Tom Boigenzahn+) Church ~ Fr. Paul
 9:30 AM Legion of Mary ~ 211
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook

Saturday, August 12, 2023

10:00 AM Stockyard Days Parade
 2:00 PM Schoenfelder/Rose Wedding ~ Church
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Prayers ~ Facebook
 3:15 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 4:30 PM Vigil Mass (The Living and Deceased members of the Ruth Mueller family) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 5:30 PM Hospitality ~ St. Joseph Hall
 5:30 PM New Parishioner Orientation ~ St. Joseph Hall West

Sunday, August 13, 2023

8:30 AM Mass (Barbara Stampfle+ and Charles Stampfle+) Church ~ Fr. Paul
 9:30 AM Hospitality ~ St. Joseph Hall
 9:30 AM New Parishioner Orientation ~ St. Joseph Hall West
 10:30 AM Mass (Jim Verbrugge+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 11:30 AM Hospitality ~ St. Joseph Hall
 11:30 AM New Parishioner Orientation ~ St. Joseph Hall West
 3:00 PM Boy Scout Troup 9093 Reunion ~ St. Joseph Hall
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook
 5:45 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 6:15 PM Mass (Pro Populo) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 7:15 PM New Parishioner Orientation ~ St. Joseph Hall West

On the cover: Transfiguration (c. 1560) by Titian



From the Parochial Vicar: Father Joseph Nguyễn

For most of July I was away on a family trip to Vietnam. It was a joy to visit the country where my parents grew up and the place of my cultural heritage. One of my favorite aspects of the trip was using the parts of Vietnamese culture that my parents taught me since I was young and seeing how it fit in it's fuller context. I was especially grateful for the gift of the Vietnamese language that my parents handed on to me, even though my skill in speaking Vietnamese is not the greatest, I could communicate and connect with family and friends over there.

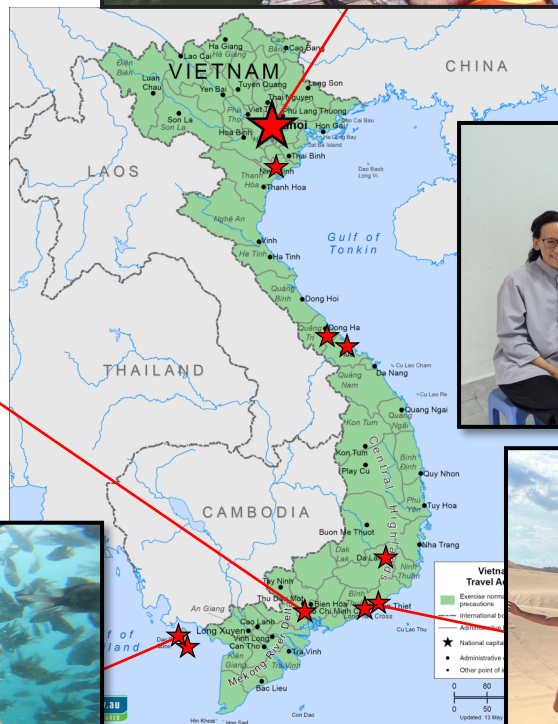
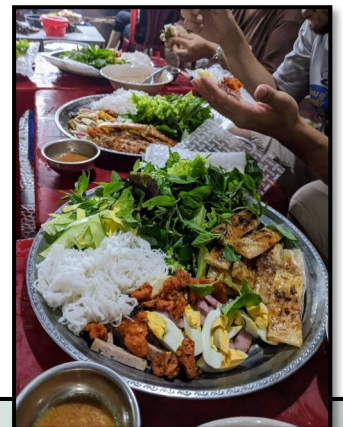
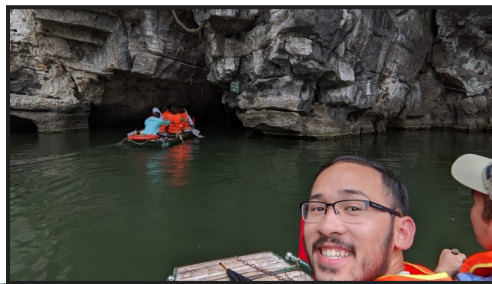
On the trip, I was able to visit many different places. The first week involved a lot of homecoming visits with my parents who have not been back since they fled the country in 1975. It was beautiful to catch a glimpse of what my parents' lives were like before everything was changed for them. I was also glad that I got to meet family members that I never knew I had. One of my favorite places that we visited was an orphanage in Saigon that my sister's religious community runs. It was a joy to get to know the kids, play chess with them, and to pray with them.

The other weeks were filled with fun adventures such as paddling through the rivers, lakes, mountains, and caves of Tràng An, scuba diving in Phú Quốc, and 4-wheeling over the sand dunes of Mũi Né. Of course, we made sure to get our fill of Vietnamese food while we were there.

I am grateful for the time I got to spend with my family on vacation. Being over there made me greatly appreciate being here at St. John's, especially as I was making my way back to the United States. St. John's is home and I am thankful that the Lord has placed me here at His service and the service of His people.

In Christ,

Fr. Joseph Nguyễn



Happening at St. John's

Middle School Open Patio

Rising 6th-8th Graders
August 6, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Outdoors by St. Joseph's Hall

With the youth room being closed this summer, we are getting creative! Middle School Open Youth Room has become Middle School Open Patio. Rising 6th-8th graders are invited to join us from 11:30 am-1:00 pm outside of St. Joseph's Hall (The Patio). We will have food, games, and prayer.

Quilters Ministry

Meeting next: August 8

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. If you would like a prayer quilt, please contact Mary Kohlhaas at 651-633-8333, ext. 1229.

Catholic Watchmen

On August 8 we will be meeting at 6:30 pm at the Arndorfer's house for a bonfire, barbecue, rosary, and great fellowship.

For the address and more information, please contact the parish office by calling 651-633-8333.



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/>

Men's Fellowship

Thursday Mornings 6:30 am—8:00 am
Now – August 24, 2023

The Search – Finding the Meaning of Life DVD Series

Boy Scout Troop 93 Members

All past and current Boy Scouts are invited to "Celebrate Troop 93" Sunday, August 13 at 3:00 pm at St. John's.

Activities include social hour, group photo, Eagle Scout recognition, dinner, reminiscing about troop adventures and Mass presided by T93 Eagle Fr. Andy Michels.

Scan the QR code to RSVP or email
rspiess1@msn.com



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, August 14 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.

SUMMER ADULT LIFELONG LEARNING



At our final August 8 Session of The Chosen Summer Series, we'll look at the healing of the woman with a hemorrhage from Season 3 episode 4 and 5. Drop in and invite others for viewing, commentary, discussion, and prayer.

TUESDAY EVENING
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
ROOM 206

AUGUST 8

Questions? Contact Jill Fink at 651.633.1540 ext. 1280 or finkj@stjohnnyb.org

Happening at St. John's

Join the Young Adult Community!!

If you are ages 18-35 and are interested in joining us for any events or programs, please sign the liability waiver for the year and you will be added to our email list! This is not a commitment to attend anything but will allow you to freely attend any events whether they are on or off site! How exciting! Sarah typically sends out a communication 1-2 times per month with different things that young adults may be interested in participating in! The waiver will last from May 2023 through May 2024. See the QR code:



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.

Email Sarah at wilders@stjohnnyb.org to express interest.

Devoted

Thank you to all the ladies that joined us for devoted last Wednesday! It was an evening filled with great conversation, inspiration, and joy! Save the date for our next gathering on Wednesday, August 23.

This month we will add "Dinner with devoted" beginning at 6:30 pm with our typical schedule following from 7:30-9 pm starting with Welcome and Prayer.



RSVP for Dinner (Salad Bar) with QR Code
Suggested Donation \$10

Incense at Mass

- We will have incense at Mass on
- † Sunday, August 6 at 10:30 am for the Feast of the Transfiguration.
 - † Tuesday August 15 at 7:00 pm for the Solemnity of the Assumption
 - † Tuesday, August 29 at 8:30 am for the Solemnity of the Passion of St. John the Baptist



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:



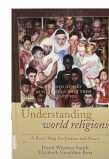
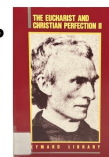
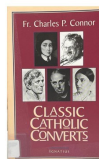
Parish Library News



Saint Peter Julian Eymard (August 2) devoted his life to promoting Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) (August 9) was a brilliant Jewish/atheist/German/philosopher/intellect who converted to Catholicism and was later martyred at Auschwitz concentration camp.

Visit our sections on Eucharistic Adoration, Inter Faith Dialogue, and Conversion Stories to learn more.



New Hours: The Library is 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



2023-24 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 Discipleship, 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 Discipleship, 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/> Cost is \$80.

Contact Jill Fink, Director of Discipleship, 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/> Cost is \$105.

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

Contact Jill Fink, Director of Discipleship, with any questions – finkj@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 Jill Fink for more information, or if you are interested in helping! finkj@stjohnnyb.org.



2023-24 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. Cost is \$80. **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. Cost is \$80. **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. Cost is \$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.

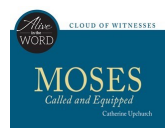
Sister Clarinda's Fall Scripture Class "Holy Spirit"

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.....





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 the
Belfast Cowboys at 7:00 pm and then Fireworks

September 24
Booya! Polka Mass, Purse BINGO,
Vikings Tailgate Party

Questions? Email: fallfest@stjohnnyb.org

Volunteers needed for FallFest planning!

If interested, please contact
Rita Arndorfer at
arndorferr@stjohnnyb.org or
Taylor Burns at tmschmidt19@gmail.com



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



Donations Needed for FallFest

SILENT AUCTION

Create your own basket, donate items or make a monetary donation
and we'll create it for you!

Examples:

Restaurant gift cards
Hot selling electronics
Outdoor recreational equipment
Bottles of wine/other beverages
Housewares
Sports tickets
Arts and Entertainment tickets



All donated items must be NEW!

If you have any questions,
please contact
Janet Glaser at
jamgls851@gmail.com

St. John the Baptist
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL



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 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



Please Pray For...

Those who have entered eternal life:

Monica Peterson, Howard Johnson, John Pearson

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, Marge McCann, 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

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

"Learn, unhappy man, how great is the power of my God; for your burning coals give me refreshment but they will be your eternal punishment."

~ Saint Lawrence
(Feast Day August 10)



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.

Readings For The Week

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15, Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17, Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13, Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13, Mt 14:22-36
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35, Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23, Mt 15: 21-28
Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10, Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9, Jn 12:24-26
Friday: Dt 4:32-40, Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21, Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Dt 6:4-13, Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51, Mt 17:14-20
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a, Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14, Rom 9:1-5, Mt 14:22-33

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.

Respect Life

What You Do Matters

By Mary Kohlhaas

Yes, that's right – this feature is back! There are far too many issues going on in the world – right here in the United States – to be silent, and what you do, or don't do, matters!

One of the most surprising movie hits of the Summer has taken on "Indiana Jones" and the latest version of "The Little Mermaid" and come out on top in sales! "The Sound of Freedom" is a dramatic, exciting retelling of a true story of recovering children lost to human trafficking. It follows Tim Ballard, played by Jim Caviezel (of "The Passion of the Christ" fame). Ballard worked for Homeland Security until he couldn't do that and keep searching for children lost to traffickers. So, urged by his wife, he left his job to pursue his goal to find a specific little girl stolen along with her brother. The boy was recovered and asked Ballard to find his sister, an almost impossible task. The gist of the story is to teach the audience about the prevalence and scourge of child sex trafficking. It is the fastest growing criminal enterprise in the world, out distancing drug running because "you can sell drugs once, but you can sell a child 4 or 5 times a day". The US is the largest consumer of child trafficking, our southern border offers no obstacle to the traffickers. We need to wake up, learn about the problem and what we can do to address it.

So first: get educated. Go to the movie, support people who are trying to get the word out. Angel Studios, who is involved with the TV series, "The Chosen" is distributing the movie. They are doing all they can to get people in the theatres – contact them for free tickets or to donate free tickets. The topic of the movie is gut-wrenching, but the direction is really well done. You know what it happening, but you never actually see the abuse. Even with that, I would not recommend children go. It should be only for teens and older.

Secondly: find out how you can help put a stop to the human trafficking so rampant in today's world. There are more slaves in the world today than at any other time in history – 40 million – many of them right here in the US. Learn more by going to Tim Ballard's organization, Operation Underground Railroad, ourrescue.org or to The Asservo Project at theasservoproject.org and learn more. Or go to the government website on Human Trafficking at dhs.gov/blue-campaign for more information. What you do really does matter.

Generous Spirit

St. John the Baptist Legacy Society

When you include our parish, school and/or cemetery in your will or estate plan, or name St. John the Baptist as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy, IRA or retirement account, you become a member of St. John the Baptist Legacy Society. Additional planned gift options include charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts.



Each year on the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, Legacy Society members receive the spiritual benefit of a Mass offering for their needs and intentions. Annual appreciation gatherings are also planned for Legacy Society members.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary May, Director of Development, at 651-633-8333, x1253, or email maym@stjohnnyb.org. You can also learn more about the Legacy Society by selecting "DONATE" and "Legacy Gift" on our parish website - www.stjohnnb.com.

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.

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.


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