

September 24, 2023 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



Thursday, September 21, 2023 Silent Auction Opens 11:30 am

Friday, September 22, 2023 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm Inflatables for all ages ~ 5:00 pm-7:00 pm Kids Games ~ 5:00 pm-9:00 pm Silent Disco ~ 5:00 pm-9:00 pm Adult Games ~ 5:00 pm-10:00 pm Men's Fellowship & K of C Pig Roast ~ 5:00 pm Grill the Priests ~ 5:30 pm-6:30 pm The Good, The Bad and The Funky ~ 7:00 pm

Saturday, September 23, 2023 2:00 pm - 10:00 pm Fun Run, 5K & 1 mile ~ 9:00 am Food and drink concessions ~ 2:00 pm-10:00 pm Kids Games ~ 2:00 pm-10:00 pm BINGO hosted by Knights of Columbus ~ 2:00 pm-4:00 pm & 5:30 pm-9:00 pm Car Show ~ 2:00 pm-5:00 pm Inflatables for all ages ~ 2:00 pm-7:30 pm "Bags" Tournament ~ 2:00 pm Silent Disco ~ 2:00 pm-10:00 pm Adult Games ~ 4:00 pm-10:00 pm Mass with Multi-Cultural Music $\sim 4:30 \text{ pm}$ Shane Martin ~ 5:30 pm-7:00 pm Princess Meet and Greet ~ 6:00 pm-8:00 pm The Belfast Cowboys ~ 7:30 pm-10:00 pm Fireworks ~ 10:00 pm

Sunday, September 24, 2023 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Mass with Polka Music ~ 10:30 am Booya ~ 11:00 am 'til gone (Take-out starts at 12:30 pm) Kids Games ~ 11:00 am-3:00 pm Inflatables for all ages ~ 11:00 am-3:00 pm Silent Disco ~ 11:00 am-3:00 pm The Baron of Bubble ~ 11:00 am-3:00 pm Football Tailgate Party ~ 11:00 am-3:00 pm Silent Auction Closes ~ 1:00 pm Music with Janice Shovelain ~ Noon-1:00 pm Designer Purse Bingo ~ 1:00 pm-3:00 pm Grand Raffle ~ 3:00 pm



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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 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM Sunday

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

Schedule of Events

Monday, September 25, 2023 8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals 8:30 AM Mass (Joseph Etnier and Michael Etnier) Church ~ Fr. Paul 9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Church 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals 8:30 AM Mass (Joseph and Theresa Grace+) Church ~ Fr. Paul 9:00 AM Kidz Closet ~ 203 9:15 AM Synod Leader Training ~ 206/208 9:30 AM Alive in the Word ~ 210 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook 6:30 PM Respect Life Committee Meeting ~ 211

Wednesday, September 27, 2023 8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals 8:30 AM School Mass (Henry and Hilda Rieland+) Church ~ Fr. Paul 9:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks ~ St. Therese 9:00 AM 7th Grade Faith, Family, Fellowship ~ St. Joseph Hall 9:30 AM Faithfully Fit ~ 210 9:30 AM Fall Scripture Study ~ 206/208 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook 5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals 5:30 PM Mass (Victor Spencer) Chapel of the Angels ~ Fr. Joseph 6:00 PM Middle School Faith Formation ~ LL106 8:00 PM High School Youth Group ~ LL 106

Thursday, September 28, 2023

6:30 AM Men's Fellowship ~ St. Joseph Hall 8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals 8:30 AM Mass (Joseph and Katherine Schmidl+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph 9:30 AM Circle of Women ~ 206/208 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook 7:00 PM RCIA Class ~ 206/208

Friday, September 29, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals 8:30 AM Mass (Peter Vu+ and Paul Vu+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph 9:30 AM Legion of Mary ~ 211 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook

Saturday, September 30, 2023

8:30 AM GIFT Faith Study ~ 211 9:15 AM Synod Leader Training ~ St. Joseph Hall 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Prayers ~ Facebook 3:15 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals 4:30 PM Vigil Mass (Vernon Kackman+ and Bogdan Rutkiewcz+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph 5:30 PM Hospitality ~ St. Joseph Hall

Sunday, October 1, 2023

Ticket Sales for Mary's Meals Banquet ~ St. Paul Plaza 8:30 AM Mass (Dan Kuechenmeister+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph 8:30 AM Sunday School ~ Classrooms 9:30 AM Hospitality ~ St. Joseph Hall 10:30 AM Mass (Pro Populo) Church ~ Fr. Joseph 10:30 AM Sunday School ~ Classrooms 11:30 AM Hospitality ~ St. Joseph Hall 4:00 PM Young Men's Bible Study~ 211 5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals 5:30 PM Mass (Thuc Peter Hoang+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph 6:45 PM Confirmation Preparation ~ LL 106/St. Joseph Hall

From the Pastor: Father Paul Shovelain



Welcome to FallFest 2023! We are so excited you are here! Please enjoy all the wonderful opportunities as we desire to share in Christ's abundant joy all weekend long! As we gather this weekend, may we witness Christ's presence among us. Jesus is alive! He is living and growing in you! As we celebrate our FallFest this weekend, we have a lot to celebrate! I invite you to Gather with me as you read this and Witness his presence and goodness!

- We have seen an increase on our reliance on prayer as our Mass attendance has increased the last number of weeks, to about 1600-1700 a weekend
- We have seen a willingness to grow as we gave out over 100 sheets with information about our Small Group leader training, which we focused on last weekend
- We had a strong response to live out of a Generous Spirit and volunteer at FallFest this year
- Our K-8 school enrollment has grown from 238 in 2018-2019 to 403 in 2023-2024
- Our 2023-2024 year numbers, had a surplus of \$197,700 which is allocated to our Restore to Gather Campaign and getting us off to a great start
- Our Sunday giving is up year to date and over budgeted income

Christ is present and He is living in SJB!

Capital Campaign

As we move forward with the Restore to Gather Capital Campaign, we want to address questions posed during our recent planning study and within our faith community. Over the coming weeks, we will run a series of frequently asked questions (FAQ) in the bulletin, tackling topics ranging from our campus restoration goals to general campaign questions. This week we will focus on our campaign theme and how we will accomplish our campaign goals.

The Restore to Gather Capital Campaign

- Q: Why are we embarking on this campaign?
- A: Our church is a welcoming and engaging community, a place where we can carry out our GO. MAKE. TEACH. mission to the fullest extent. Our school has been a faith-filled place where our students can thrive in their studies and in their relationship with the Lord. As our 125th anniversary draws near, we want to ensure that our church and school continue to flourish for another 125 years. In order to care for future generations, we need to address several essential maintenance issues and upgrades.
- Q. How can we possibly afford this?
- A: Accomplishing our plan will take the hard work and dedication of our entire St. John the Baptist community. We start by addressing the most pressing needs of our church and school one step at a time. Every St. John the Baptist church and school family will be asked to participate in the capital campaign. We also plan to reach out to other local Catholic philanthropists and area foundations.
- Q: Currently I have several financial obligations including St. John the Baptist and other charitable organizations. Now St. John's needs additional help. How can I possibly give to all these needs?
- A: We ask that you pray about your personal situation and give what you believe is appropriate. Our hope is that your personal experience of God's presence in our community will inspire a meaningful gift to help others experience God's love in the same way.

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



Limited Handicapped Parking Available at FallFest

Like last year, we will have handicapped parking available over FallFest (Friday, September 22—Sunday, September 24) right next to St. John's Church on 8th Street NW. We will have doors 14 and 15 open for entry on the south side of the church building for easier access to Mass during the festival.

St. John's Library

Due to FallFest, the Parish Library **will be closed this weekend.** It will reopen the following weekend, September 30/October 1. Due items will be extended until then.

Men's Fellowship

Thursday Mornings 6:30 am—8:00 am September 28 – November 9, 2023

Lectio: Salvation-New Life in Christ – DVD Series

At every Sunday Mass, Catholics confess that Jesus came down from heaven "for us men and for our salvation." But what does "salvation" mean? In this remarkable 10-part video series, Scripture scholar and theologian Michael Patrick Barber provides a thorough, deeply Catholic, and deeply biblical, answer.

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

8th Annual Mary's Meals Fundraiser Dinner and Silent Auction

Thursday October 12, 2023 Right here at SJB in St. Joseph's Hall

Please join us in supporting Mary's Meals. Silent Auction opens at 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm, Program at 7:00 pm. Buy a meal, feed a child. \$25 Adult, \$15 Children 4-12, 3 years and under are free.

Call Debra and Wayne Waldera to make your reservation/for more information at 651-772-6935 or email at <u>marysmealsmn@qmail.com</u>.

Reservation deadline Wednesday, October 4, 2023.

Hosted by the Mary's Meals Minnesota Team, St. John the Baptist CCW and KC Council# 14250 Sponsored by TST Catering and Cathedral Ladies Auxiliary #14752

Circle of Women Thursday, September 28, upstairs in Room 206/208 at 9:15 am-11:30 am

We welcome women of all ages to our first gathering of the year on Thursday, September 28, 2023. We welcome Claire Brostrom the Coordinator or Evangelization here at St. John's. She will speak about "*Small Groups: A Path to Missionary Discipleship.*" Join us as we share our faith and time in prayer with one another. Childcare is available. Grab one of our brochures from the kiosks or watch your Flocknote for details.

Any questions? Call Michelle (763-442-4936) Hope to see you there!

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive

Cleaning out your closets before winter and seeing clothes you no longer need? Consider giving them to the less fortunate. The St. Vincent de Paul group will have a truck in the West Parking Lot on Saturday October 6 from 9:00 am to noon. Bring your used clothing, shoes, jackets, belts, purses, etc. to donate. If your item is torn, stained, out-of-style or has a broken zipper they will take that too. St Vincent said "In serving the poor, we serve Jesus Christ."

Communal Burial Opportunity at St. John the Baptist Cemetery

St. John the Baptist Cemetery is offering a respectful and economical way to care for cremated human remains of a loved one who passed away prior to July 1, 2022.

St. John's Cemetery is offering to inter cremated human remains in a communal vault with a committal service by Fr. Paul Shovelain at 1:00 pm on Saturday, October 14, 2023. Contact Mark Dittman (651-633-8333, x1215) or visit our website at https://stjohnb.com/worship/funerals-cemetery/cemetery/ to learn more.

St. John's Preschool is Hiring

St. John's preschool is looking to hire assistant teachers. One opening we have is for Monday-Friday 7:30 am—12:30 pm and the other is for our after school program. The hours of the after school program are 2:30-5:30 pm. If you are interested in working with the youngest learners of our school please contact Andrea Schroeder at <u>schroedera@stjohnnyb.org</u> or 651-633-1522 extension 1209

See full list of available jobs online: <u>hstttps://</u> stjohnnb.com/contact/job-opportunities/

Happening at St. John's

Sunday School

Sunday School begins Sunday, October 1 during the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses in the school classrooms. Please bring your favorite stuffed animal to the first day of class! We will learn about St. Francis of Assisi and learn about his love of animals. Advanced registration on the website is required.



First Sacraments Parent Orientation

Meeting is on Tuesday, October 10 at 6:00-7:30pm in Room 206/208. This meeting is for parents only. Childcare is provided by reservation. First Sacraments program is for children in Grade 2 enrolled in our St. John's



School or Family Formation to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the fall and Sacrament of Eucharist (Holy Communion) in the spring. Contact Jill Fink, Director of Discipleship by phone at 651.633.1540 ext. 1280 or by email at finkj@stjohnnyb.org.

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Youth Ministry Kick-Off Dates...

High School Youth Group Kick-Off - Hawaiian Luau

Wednesday September 27, 2023, 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm in the rectory courtyard

Get excited about High School Youth Group with a great kick-off event! Fr. Joseph will be hosting the youth for a Hawaiian themed Luau in the rectory back yard. Join us for food, music, and fun and make sure to wear your best Hawaiian shirt and maybe even a grass skirt! We will also share more of the vision for the upcoming year with an emphasis on small groups.

Confirmation Kick-Off – Parents and Teens

Sunday, October 1, 2023, 6:45 pm - 8:15pm Confirmation Kick-Off will be for parents and teens and will include an orientation to the confirmation program as well as a time for questions and answers.

Middle School Youth Group Kick-Off Play Hard - Pray Hard

Friday October 27, 2023, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Starting in October we will have a monthly middle school youth group much like last year. The format will be play hard--pray hard. We will spend part of the evening playing a fun and exciting large group game and part of the evening in prayer. These will usually be on the 3rd or 4th Friday of the month. We are also encouraging the students to attend Jesus Nights with Damascus which will be on the 2nd Friday of the month.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Classes have begun but it is not too late to join. Contact Jill Fink, Director of Discipleship at 651.633.1540 ext. 1280 or at <u>finkj@stjohnnyb.org</u> to get signed up.

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! 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 through May 2024. See the QR:



Parish Life

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.

Stella Ann Parents: Rob and Kirsten Dockendorf

Benjamin Corey Parents: Nicholas and Alexandra Colwell **Emery Paige** Parents: Alex and Abigal Ash

Hildegard Marie Parents: Matthew and Jennifer Turner



FallFest Golf Tournament



Respect Life

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.

Volunteer Opportunities

- St. John's Maternity/Baby Closet
- Mother's Day Corsage Project
- Fall Fest Culver's Custard Stand
- Baby Bush each June
- Archdiocese January "March for Life"
- Educating parish youth on Respect Life Issues
- 40 Days for Life prayer service (October)
- Support Prolife Pregnancy Centers

Meetings - We meet on the 4th Tuesday of most months at 6:30 pm. Next meeting on September 26. Join us!

Please pray daily for our leaders in Church and government. And keep the Supreme Court Justices in your prayers as they deal with important issues of life, family and liberty. Pray for them by name:

- Chief Justice John Roberts
- Justice Clarence Thomas
- Justice Stephen Breyer
- Justice Samuel Alito
- Justice Sonia Sotomayor
- Justice Elena Kagan
- Justice Neil Gorsuch
- Justice Brett Kavanaugh
- Justice Amy Coney Barrett

In Mary's Arms

A Grief Support Ministry for women who have experienced the loss of a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death. This loving confidential group will meet



at Church of St. Peter in Forest Lake the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:15—11:00 am in Conference Room A. Note: they will not meet during September.

For more information, please contact Kathy Rubio at 651-982-2229; <u>krubio@stpeterfl.org</u> or Shelly Sullivan at 651-261-7328.

Expectant Parents Blessing on Sept. 10



From left to right: the Maria and Mitchell May family, the Zach and Terese Bordeau family, Father Paul Shovelain, the Dan and Robyn Purkapile family, and the Mark and Alyssa Larson family.

Advance Medical Directives:

Planning for Your Future

Read the full version at respectlife.org/advance-directives.

Human life is good and to be protected. All medical decisions ought to reflect this

core belief. Yet some medical and legal documents used to define a patient's future care can be harmful. No matter how well-crafted, they can't

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predict all the possible scenarios and best courses of action. In each set of circumstances, we need to judge whether a given treatment will provide real benefit to the patient, without causing harm or disproportionate burdens. The safest option is to designate a health care agent to make decisions if you become incapable of doing so. It's best to appoint a responsible, trustworthy person who understands and shares your Catholic values, and can apply them when the need arises.

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The bulletin deadline is 12:00 pm on Thursday, <u>10 days</u> <u>before</u> the Sunday publication date. Space is limited, so edits may happen. Thanks for understanding.

Send requests to: hueblj@stjohnnyb.org

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 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: 10 am, 11 am, Noon, 2 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm Wednesday: 1 pm

Thursday: 6 am, 9 am, 7 pm

Friday: 7 am (needing adoration partner), 1 pm,10 pm Saturday: Noon

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"All comes at the proper time to him who knows how to wait."



~ Saint Vincent de Paul (Feast Day September 27)

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Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Kristee Flynn from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.



Kristee Flynn Cell: 651-303-3461 KFlynn@4lpi.com

Readings For The Week

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

- Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/ Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9 Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-

2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/ Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/ Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Please Pray For...

Those who have entered eternal life:

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, 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 Winiecki, 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, Joan Geiger, Greg Windsterger, Monica Fetter

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.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church & School 2023 Fiscal Year-End Financial Report

As we prepare to launch our Restore to Gather capital campaign, it is important to know that we do so from a position of strength. We are blessed with a large and growing parish, and a thriving school. Our financial house is in order, and both our church and school operations are serving our parish well. We are grateful to all of our parishioners and school families for their ongoing commitment to our core values of reliance on prayer, willingness to grow and a generous spirit. In fiscal 2023, St. John the Baptist invited you to live out a generous spirit, and you did, as the following financial report shows. Thank you!

The accompanying financial report summarizes St. John's operating revenue and expenses. The columns shown on the report are as follows:

Column 1: Actual results for the most recent fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 **Column 2:** Actual results for the prior fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 **Column 3:** Our projected budget for the new (current) fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

Net income at the bottom of the table is shown both before and after one-time adjustments. Detailed line item explanations are as follows, corresponding to the lettered notations in the report:

- a. Sunday/Holy Day Giving for 2022/23 was virtually the same as prior year (down less than half a percent). We did not make budget in Sunday Giving, but due to other income and expense factors, we still ended the year solidly in the black. Thank you! For the new fiscal year we are budgeting a Sunday Giving increase of 3.6% over fiscal 2022/23.
- b. School Tuition Revenue for 2022/23 rose due to increased K-8 enrollment over 2021/22. Our enrollment for 2021/22 was 334. while our 2022/23 enrollment grew to 351. After a student count of 238 five years ago, our current (2023/24) K-8 enrollment is at 403. Our budgeted School Tuition Revenue for 2023/24 is based on a conservative projected K-8 enrollment of 390 students. We are happy to report that for our current year we have a retention rate of more than 90% of the enrollment we saw during 2022/23.

St. John the Baptist Operating Revenue and Expenses						
	Actual		Budget			
Fiscal Years Ending June 30:	<u>2022-23</u>		<u>2021-22</u>	2023-24		
Sunday and Holy Day Collections	\$ 2,274,784	а	\$ 2,279,918	\$ 2,357,637		
School Tuition Revenue	1,883,759	b	1,700,875	2,178,150		
Other School Revenue	1,465,260	с	1,378,286	1,304,045		
Other Parish Revenue	345,931	d	249,893	355,329		
Total Revenue	5,969,734	_	5,608,972	6,195,161		
Salary and Benefits - Parish	1,484,038	e	1,357,455	1,564,530		
Salary and Benefits - School Facilities and Operations	2,279,695	f	2,201,575	2,585,293		
Expenses	735,041	g	638,724	686,387		
School Operating Expenses	1,034,269	h	972,314	1,055,826		
Parish Ministry Expenses	238,991	i	191,301	303,125		
Total Expenses	5,772,034	-	5,361,370	6,195,161		
Net before Adjustments	197,700		247,602	\$ -		
Allocation to Capital Campaign Allocation to Capital	(197,700)	j	(247,602)			
Net after Adjustments	\$0		\$0			

- c. Other School Revenue. This year we saw revenue increases in preschool tuition, J-Care and donations to the school. Our preschool enrollment grew from 61 in 2020/21 to 88 in 2022/23.
- d. Other Parish Revenue. Being Called Forth post-pandemic, we saw increased revenue in the areas of baptisms and weddings, men's & women's ministry, faith formation and sacramental preparation, and youth ministries.
- e. Salary and Benefits Parish. Parish expense in this category rose in 2022/23 due to increased benefits costs and additional staff to strengthen our ministries. Budgeted costs for 2023/24 are up primarily due to anticipated benefits costs and several staff equity salary increases.

- f. Salaries and Benefits School. School expense in this line includes administration, teachers, J-Care, our lunch program and our preschool. With enrollment up substantially, increased salary and benefits are an accompanying factor. For 2023/24 we have also added budget for a new Dean of Students position.
- g. Facilities and Operations Expenses were up due primarily to higher insurance & utility costs, hospitality and supplies, and general operating costs resulting from increased activities in many of our ministry offerings. Note that Parish Ministry Expenses (i) rose primarily for this reason as well.
- School Operating Expenses increased due primarily to the fact that we are serving an increasing number of students in our school.
- i. See note in g above.
- j. Our financial surplus for 2022/23 this year will enable us to transfer \$197,700 from our operating checking account as initial funding for our Restore to Gather capital campaign. The generosity of our parish and school families and the careful stewarding of our resources will provide a strong beginning to our efforts to renew our facilities. This will be an internal reallocation of parish resources and does not directly affect operating income or expense.

Your Generosity Continues to Sustain Us

Ultimately it is your generosity, from so many of our parish and school families, that has sustained and grown our church and school ministries. Our families—all of you—have continued to demonstrate the importance of our faith, our mission and our core values by maintaining your prayers, your participation and your financial support. Thank you!

If you have questions about this report, about our statement of financial position or other parish financial matters, please contact Mark Dittman, Director of Business Operations, at 651-633 -8333 or email <u>dittmanm@stjohnnyb.org</u>.

St. John the Baptist Statement of Financial Position

June 30, 2023

Assets

Checking Accounts		
	Church	903,032
	Capital	218,245
	Cemetery	21,041
Total Checking		\$ 1,142,319
Savings Accounts		772 200
	Church	773,398
	Capital	993,958
	Cemetery	 393,882
		\$ 2,161,238
Accounts Receivable		43,168
Prepaid Expenses		12,667
Endowments		
	Operating	937,665
	Capital	90,900
	Tuition Assistance	560,910
	Cemetery	267,163
	Pastoral Outreach	67,923
Total Endowments		\$ 1,924,561
Equipment & Furniture		1,081,619
Land & Buildings		28,082,339
Total Assets		\$ 34,447,911

Liabilities

Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities Paycheck Protection Program		267,687		
Total Liabilities	\$	267,687		
Unrestricted/restricted net assets		34,180,225		
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$	34,447,911		

Around the Archdiocese

Dementia Friendly Catholic Mass at St. Odilia Parish

St. Odilia parish is celebrating a Dementia Friendly Mass: Date: Thursday, October 5th Catholic Mass: beginning at 1:30 PM Celebrant: Father Greg Skrypek Location: 3495 Victoria St N, Shoreview, MN 55126 Hospitality Gathering: Immediately following in the Courtyard Questions: Call Deacon Jim at 651-415-3354

All are welcome, especially those who, in one way or another may struggle with memory loss, and their caregivers.

Dementia Friendly means:

- Accepting and valuing people regardless of cognitive abilities
- Focusing on their strengths and abilities and being open to what they have to offer
- Offering opportunities for both spiritual and pastoral support in order that everyone may enjoy being a part of a worshiping community
- Understanding that being dementia friendly is always a work in progress



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