

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



*"Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked;  
let us rejoice and be glad that He has saved us! For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain."  
~ Isaiah 25:9-10*

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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:** This weekend (October 15) there will be no Sunday Nursery due to lack of staffing. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

### Stay Connected:

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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, October 16, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels  
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
8:30 AM Mass (Cecilia Bay Nguyen and Maria Phan Do) Church ~ Fr. Paul  
9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Church  
3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook  
7:00 PM Living Rosary ~ Church

### Tuesday, October 17, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels  
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
8:30 AM Mass (Dennis Decheine) Church ~ Fr. Paul  
9:00 AM Kidz Closet ~ 203  
9:15 AM Synod Small Group Leader Training ~ 206/208  
9:30 AM Alive in the Word ~ 210  
2:30 PM Middle School D-Groups ~ LL 106  
3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook  
5:30 PM PLC Meetings ~ St. Joseph Hall

### Wednesday, October 18, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels  
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
8:30 AM School Mass (Dominique Spencer) Church ~ Fr. Paul  
9:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks ~ St. Therese  
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 (Delores Bona+) Chapel of the Angels ~ Fr. Joseph  
6:00 PM Family Formation Catechist Training ~ 210  
6:00 PM Middle School Faith Formation ~ LL106  
7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Council #14250 Meeting ~ 211  
8:00 PM High School Youth Event ~ LL 106

### Thursday, October 19, 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 (Katherine Stampfle+ and Chris Wolla+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph  
3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook  
7:00 PM Synod Small Group Leader Training ~ St. Joseph Hall

### Friday, October 20, 2023

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

### Saturday, October 21, 2023

8:30 AM GIFT Faith Study ~ 211  
9:15 AM Synod Small Group Leader Training ~ St. Joseph Hall  
3:00 PM Gather to Witness Prayers ~ Facebook  
3:15 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
4:30 PM Vigil Mass (Marlene Wallin+) Church ~ Fr. Paul  
5:30 PM Hospitality ~ St. Joseph Hall  
5:30 PM Intercessory Prayer Ministry ~ Chapel of the Angels

### Sunday, October 22, 2023

8:30 AM Mass (John and Katherine Macnowski+) Church ~ Fr. Paul  
8:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery  
8:30 AM Sunday School ~ Classrooms  
9:30 AM Hospitality ~ St. Joseph Hall  
9:30 AM Intercessory Prayer Ministry ~ Chapel of the Angels  
10:30 AM Mass (Bob and Linda Jensen+) Church ~ Fr. Paul  
10:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery  
10:30 AM Sunday School ~ Classrooms  
11:30 AM Hospitality ~ St. Joseph Hall  
11:30 AM Intercessory Prayer Ministry ~ Chapel of the Angels  
4:00 PM Young Men's Bible Study ~ 211  
5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
5:30 PM Mass (Pro Populo) Church ~ Fr. Paul

*On the cover: Disputation of the Holy Sacrament (1509-1510) by Raphael*



## *From the Pastor: Father Paul Shovelain*

In my seminary classes, I remember learning about the Church's desire to have parishioners experience full active conscious participation in the Mass. Our goal is to do that here at SJB and help our parishioners encounter the living God. As we have shifted to having the Ignite group once a month on Sunday morning, I have received multigenerational positive feedback regarding the music. They often share that they really felt moved by music at Mass or that it spoke to them. One parishioner shared at our first Sunday morning Mass with the Ignite group, "Mass was absolutely on fire for me today. The music was outstanding of course, but it was the whole Mass. Unreal Eucharistic experience for me today coupled with prayer and music that was placed there by God based upon what I was thinking and praying about. Crazy. Praise God. It was awesome."

There is certainly a grace filled affective movement happening within that shift. I have been personally encouraged by the positive feedback as I know this is a sensitive topic. However, I want to serve our parish well and I believe this decision will strengthen and help our parish continue to grow and draw more people in relationship with Christ through the Sacraments. We plan to continue to have the Ignite Group lead music at both Sunday morning Masses once a month. At the same time I want to address some concerns that I have heard from parishioners.

- We do have a tremendous organist in Lee Trembl and I am grateful for his ministry at SJB. We will continue to prioritize the organ at Masses 3 to 4 weekends a month. We also are working to make music accessible, and we want to continue to develop this area as we support our parishioner's full active conscious participation in the Mass.
- The Ignite group is not taking away from our previously scheduled choir, schola or contemporary group Masses. We currently do not have a children's choir due to a lack of staffing. In addition to Ignite covering those weekends, they will also sing at the 8:30am Mass which in the past has been covered by a cantor and organ.
- The Ignite group does use a secondary sound system due to the limitations of our current sound system. With the new sound system that we hope to install when we complete the church upgrades, the secondary sound system will no longer be necessary.
- We have worked with Ignite to make sure the music is accessible and liturgically appropriate as well. We have included the entrance antiphons and communion antiphons to maintain the traditional elements. We will continue to chant the Gospel Dialogue and Doxology as well as other Mass parts at times.
- The Mass is about Christ, not the music or homily. While the music and homily are important, the main focus is to be there for Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Many people have various musical preferences, and some have told me they try to avoid certain music groups, which includes contemporary group, organ music as well as Ignite. My hope is that we can all agree that we are here for Jesus and remain drawn by Him. We have a vibrant welcoming community and we will continue to develop that with the hope and intention to draw people into Holy Communion with Christ. I appreciate your patience and understanding as I work in collaboration with parish leaders, both staff and parishioners, to build up Christ's kingdom.
- We currently do have two parishioners that play with the Ignite group and we would be happy to include more if you have interest. Please reach out to Abe Gross if you would like to be a part of their group.

The Archbishop himself has had the Ignite group lead music at large Archdiocesan Masses and gatherings. He sees the power of this style music played in a contemplative way for the Mass as significant. That has given me confidence in this shift at SJB, that the Holy Spirit continues to guide as we further Christ's kingdom in New Brighton and beyond!

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

*Father Paul Shovelain*

### Bishop Michael Izen at St. John's

Bishop Michael Izen will be at St. John the Baptist to celebrate 10:30 am Mass this weekend on Sunday, October 15. He will also bless the new stained glass windows and St. Therese painting in the St. Therese Community Room. The windows, one portraying St. Therese of Lisieux and the other depicting her parents, Sts. Louis and Zelie Martin, were recently donated in memory of Marlene Harms. The painting of a garden of roses behind the St. Therese statue was donated in memory of Barbara J. Handzel. The Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux is commemorated every year on October 1, and we are honored that Bishop Izen is coming so close to her feast day for this blessing and celebration. Please join in welcoming him!

### Council of Catholic Women

St. John's CCW is sponsoring the Living Rosary on Monday, October 16 at 7:00 pm in the church. We welcome everyone to come and join in this beautiful ceremony!

"Beads" please be there at 6:30 pm.

Questions? Call Barb 763-786-0602 or Patti 612-718-0927

### St. Vincent de Paul Clothes Drive

St. Vincent de Paul is collecting adult and children warm winter coats (new or gently used), mittens, scarves, and hats (new) for the Community Support Center coat drive on Saturday, October 21 at Christ the King Lutheran Church. This coat drive is for anyone in the Mounds View school district who is in need of warm winter apparel. Please drop off any items for the coat drive in the main closet by the main entrance. Thank you in advance for any donations.

Thank you to our Friend of FallFest,  
Oaks Landing!



*A Campaign for Saint John the Baptist  
Catholic Church and School*

Dear St. John the Baptist parishioners and friends,

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 address our campaign goals, looking specifically at the necessary Restore projects. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Mary May at (651)633-8333 ext.1253 or by email at [maym@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:maym@stjohnnyb.org).

### The *Restore to Gather* Capital Campaign

#### Campaign Goals

Q. What are the goals of the Restore to Gather Campaign?

A. There are two main areas of focus for this campaign:

1. Church improvements and repairs, which include:
  - a. Scraping and repainting the church ceiling
  - b. Replacing the church HVAC system
  - c. Upgrading the church sound system
  - d. Repairing the stained-glass windows above the baptistry
  - e. Resurfacing the East parking lot
2. School improvements and repairs, which include:
  - a. Upgrading the school bathrooms
  - b. Replacing the carpet in the school
  - c. Installing a rubber playground surface
  - d. Establishing a School Operations Endowment Fund

Q: What is the total cost of these projects?

A: We are working very closely with two contractors, Schoenfelder Renovations and Egner Construction, to ensure that we approach and complete these projects efficiently while also being the best stewards of the dollars we have received from the St. John the Baptist community. We have one estimate which shows us that the cost of all the Restore to Gather projects to be approximately \$4.5 million to \$5 million. This will include the materials and labor needed to complete the projects as well as all professional fees that will be assessed to St. Johns. We are also taking into account that there may be additional costs once the projects are started and have built these contingencies into our fundraising goal.



## Happening at St. John's

### Intercessory Prayer Ministry

We often need prayer for family, faith, health, work, relationships, and other challenges in life. St. John the Baptist's **Intercessory Prayer Ministry (IPM)** teams provide monthly individual prayer ministry one weekend a month after the scheduled Mass times below. All is totally confidential.

Our next **Intercessory Prayer Ministry** will be:  
**Saturday, October 21, after the 4:30 Mass**  
**Sunday, October 22, after the 8:30 Mass**  
**Sunday, October 22 after the 10:30 Mass**

*"Therefore . . . pray for one another that you may be healed. The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful."*  
~ James 5:16,17

### Men's Fellowship

Thursday Mornings 6:30 am—8:00 am  
in St. Joseph Hall  
Now – November 9, 2023

*Lectio: Salvation-New Life in Christ – DVD Series*

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

**Knights of  
Columbus®**



# WAFFLE BREAKFAST

Join us on October 29  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

**All you can eat:** waffles, sausages, regular and sugar-free syrup, fruit for the waffles, orange juice, coffee, milk, and water. A gluten-free option is available on request. Prices: \$9 per person, children 5 and under free, family maximum \$45. Cash, check, or credit card. Come and enjoy some breakfast and some fellowship, and support the Knights!

**JOIN ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

# ALL SAINTS DAY PARTY

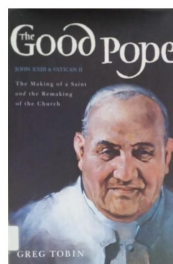
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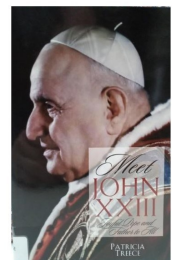
**WEDNESDAY,  
OCTOBER 25  
5PM TO  
7:30PM**

**5PM - 6PM - PIZZA (\$2 PER SLICE,  
\$1 DRINKS - ST. JOE'S HALL)**  
**6:10PM - BLESSING IN  
CHURCH, TRICK-O-TREATING  
AND GAMES TO FOLLOW IN  
PLAZA**

## Parish Library News



Who was responsible for the great reforms in the church in the early 1960's? **Saint John XXIII, Pope** (October 11) called the Second Vatican Council or Vatican II, in 1962, which updated the church making it more relevant for the modern world. He worked for Christian unity and ecumenism, and was known as a pope of great warmth, humor, mercy, humility, and goodness. He is considered one of the most popular Popes of all times. Check out books and DVD's to learn more about this great Pope of our modern times.



**Library 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**

## 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.

### 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

Our Thursday night (7:00 pm-9:00 pm) sessions have begun but it is not too late to join. We are also looking at another session starting during the day on Fridays from 9:15 am-11:15 am. Contact Jill Fink, Director of Discipleship at 651.633.1540 ext. 1280 or at [finkj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:finkj@stjohnnyb.org) 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:



### Job Openings at St. John's

- Youth Ministry Intern—Temporary
- Middle School ELA and Religion Teacher
- 3rd Grade Teacher
- Assistant Preschool Teachers
- Music Teacher

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/>

**St. John Baptist**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH EVENTS

<b>OCT</b> 18TH, 2023	<b>NIGHT GAME IN THE YOUTH ROOM 8-9:30PM</b>
<b>NOV</b> 15TH, 2023	<b>PRAISE AND WORSHIP NIGHT 7:30-9PM</b>
<b>DEC</b> 20TH, 2023	<b>ADVENT PARTY IN THE YOUTH ROOM 8-9:30PM</b>

[wilders@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:wilders@stjohnnyb.org)

## November Formation

Wednesday, November 1

5:30pm All Saints Mass  
6:00pm Dinner  
6:30-7:30pm Formation - children in classrooms, Parent Program in St. Joseph Hall

## WHERE HEAVEN & EARTH MEET PART 2

Our November Parent Formation will continue our discussion on how we can encounter Christ more deeply at Mass with our children. The night will be crafted from parent feedback and led by Jill and the Parent Core Team.

JILL FINK, DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP

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CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL



### Join Our Prayer Team For "40 Days For Life"

We invite you to join our Lady of Guadalupe and the Respect Life Team in dedicating ourselves to prayer during the "40 Days For Life" (9/27 – 11/05). A special Novena prayer can be picked up at the Harvest Table or found at the SJB website for private devotion or prayed online at 3:00 pm daily during the Gather to Witness Devotion with Fr. Paul.



Also available at the Harvest Table are a couple other Pro-life resources you are welcome to take and read. Including the magazine titled "What if...?" that highlights a lot of great information that will help anyone better understand the truth, the science, and the morality of the Pro-life perspective. There really is no other truly moral point of view.

**Pray for Life, Country  
and A Change of Hearts!**

### Women's Life Care Center Fall Fundraising Banquet

**Celebrating 40 Years of Yes!**

Thursday, November 9, 2023  
North Heights Lutheran Church  
1700 West Highway 96  
Arden Hills Minnesota, 55112

This is a free event. An opportunity to make a financial gift will be extended.

Register here: <https://www.womenslifecarecenter.org/register>

Questions email [bcastro@womenslifecarecenter.org](mailto:bcastro@womenslifecarecenter.org)

*The bulletin deadline is 12:00 pm on Thursday, 10 days before the Sunday publication date. Space is limited, so edits may happen. Thanks for understanding. Send requests to: [hueblj@stjohnnynyb.org](mailto:hueblj@stjohnnynyb.org)*

### Attention Teens

There is a special pamphlet on the Harvest table just for you!

- † Just 4 Girls - So many questions about living the life of a teenage girl. This little magazine may have some answers to help you figure it out.
- † Just 4 Boys - "The stress" of being a teenage boy can add up. Does the pressure come from school, parents, your coach, or even your friends? Maybe this magazine can help you sort out some answers.

### 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil

40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil with Father Paul at Planned Parenthood on Saturday, October 28. Charter bus will leave St. John's West parking lot promptly at 9:30 am and return by 11:30 am.

Sign-up sheet on the Harvest table.

Pray to end abortion - please join us!



**St. John the Baptist!**

*Nursing Room*

Need a quiet, private space to nurse your little one during Mass? This space is for you! It's located behind the Garden of Life Chapel and is equipped with a privacy wall, 2 cozy chairs, and a changing table.

If you walk down the ramp to the west leading to the outside doors, you will discover a recent addition to our Garden of Life Chapel with the Our Lady of Guadalupe image. There is a little room set up for nursing mothers to feed their babies privately and yet still be within the church so they don't have to leave Mass. The cozy room is a sweet addition for supporting moms with new babies and there are even supplies for changing the little one and for toys for older siblings if necessary. Please sign up as you use the room to help us see how useful it is and leave any comments you might have regarding the room. We want a welcoming, useful and restful space for you moms and would love to hear your suggestions.



## Parish Life



### Animals Invade St. John's on the Vigil of St. Francis's Feast Day!

On the evening of Tuesday, October 3, St. John's held a special blessing for animals to celebrate and commemorate the Memorial of St. Francis, the Patron Saint of animals. Thanks to all those who brought their pets to SJB to take part in this celebration. *(The top right photo was the stuffed animal blessing during Sunday School on October 8)*



### Happy 55th Anniversary

to Ron and Marianne Flor who celebrated their Anniversary a week and a half ago. Thank you for your witness of Christ's sacrificial love in your marriage and in your generous spirit that you live out here at SJB (not just in making Booya for FallFest, but in all the ways you live your life glorifying God!)





## 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 [sibadoration@gmail.com](mailto:sibadoration@gmail.com) to sign up for an hour.

*We have the following hours that are uncovered:*

**Monday:** 3 am

**Tuesday:** 8 am, 10 am, 11 am, Noon, 2 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm

**Wednesday:** 1 pm

**Thursday:** 9 am

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

**Saturday:** 3 pm

**Sunday:** 10 pm



*"We must never be discouraged or give way to anxiety... but ever have recourse to the adorable Heart of Jesus."*

~ Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque  
(Feast Day October 16)



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## Readings For The Week

**Sunday:** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/  
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

**Monday:** Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/  
Lk 11:29-32

**Tuesday:** Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41

**Wednesday:** 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13,  
17-18/ Lk 10:1-9

**Thursday:** Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/  
Lk 11:47-54

**Friday:** Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

**Saturday:** Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/  
Lk 12:8-12

**Next Sunday:** Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10  
(7b)/ 1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

## Scripture Reflections

**First Reading:** The prophet Isaiah speaks of a future when God will be fully present, and we will experience complete joy. What gives you hope for the future?

**Second Reading:** Paul shares with the Philippians that regardless of his circumstances, he has learned to draw strength and gratitude from his faith in Jesus. How does your faith sustain you in good times and bad times?

**Gospel Reading:** Jesus's parable of the wedding feast offers a warning to be open to God's invitation to answer His call. How do you stay open to God's presence in your life?

## Please Pray For...

**Those who have entered eternal life:**

Tom Carlson, Elaine Villafana, Damian Petersen

**Those who are ill:**

Sadlovsky Family, Sheehan Family, Cameron Santos, Patricia Roy, Dave Willette, Madi Rippey, Sydney Jo Rippey, Jesse McDonough, Daryl Stevens, 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 Stefft, 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, Jeannette Wyatt, Cindy Skenderovic, Geoffrey Rurik, Mary Battmer

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

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# Gather to Witness in the Mission Fields

an update from Camryn Sulak, former SJB NET Missionary  
and current FOCUS Missionary

*"Our 'First let a little love find entrance into their hearts, and the rest will follow.'"*  
~ St. Philip Neri

Hello my dear friends and family!

What a gift it is to have you on mission with me! Every day I am filled with gratitude that The Lord has placed each of you in my life. We are a community journeying to heaven together. The students have been such a beautiful reminder of this for me while on campus, that they are also called into community and to run to heaven with each other! I have the blessing to see this first hand on campus and share it with you! I hope this update provides some joy for your day and is an invitation to remember all that The Lord has done for you in your life. The Lord has connected us in one way or another, and for that I am eternally grateful!

We are off and running on campus and each day there seem to be too many blessings to count! The Lord is truly providing everything we need for this mission at The University of Tulsa. Community continues to blossom within the Newman center, one of the highlights being the graduate student Bible study. It has grown from 5 girls last year to 13 girls this semester! The students are hungering for authentic friendship and for a deeper truth in their life, and Bible study is one of the ways they are being filled through The Lord.

Another exciting opportunity for the women on campus to be filled by The Lord this year is through another spring break mission trip with FOCUS! We will be returning to New York, this time serving the poor with the CFR Sisters (Franciscan Sisters Of The Renewal) and the Servidora Sisters. My teammate Natasha and I are overjoyed to invite the women to encounter The Lord through the poor in New York City. Please pray for us as we begin to invite students into this trip.

Thank you for being on mission with me! I am so grateful for your encouragement, friendship and partnership in sharing the Gospel.

## ***Outreach on Campus!***

It's so joyful being on campus with the students! This month we have encountered students with thought provoking questions as they walk to class on campus. There have been many fruitful conversations asking students questions like what brought them joy this week and who their role model is. Some answers to what brought them joy this week were: "God", "friends", "family", "existing", "learning new things", "positivity", and "babies". This question really stumped the students and made them stop and think about their week in a different way. And another week, my teammate Natasha and I even set up a nail painting station to chat with girls as we painted their nails! We love inviting the students into something fun and having meaningful conversation.

## ***Bible Studies!***

Bible studies are in full swing for the semester! These are some of my favorite nights of the week! Tuesday nights are spent with the upper-class girls as we gather in my living room to discuss the book of Acts, how the apostles evangelized and how we can imitate them in our own life! Wednesday evenings are spent with the graduate student Bible study as we journey through 1 Corinthians and discuss how it applies to our own life. The past few weeks we've discussed the wisdom of the world vs. the wisdom of Christ and the Church. And on Thursday nights, Chrissa, who is a Senior this year, is continuing the Freshman Bible study we began last year! Chrissa and the now Sophomores are discussing how to live out the Gospel in their own lives. Please pray for these girls as we continue to grow in divine intimacy with The Lord and authentic friendship together throughout the semester.



God bless and thank you,

*Camryn Sulak*



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