

October 22, 2023 29th 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



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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.

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Schedule of Events

Monday, October 23, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals 8:30 AM Mass (Julie Hammer+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph

9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Church

3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals

8:30 AM Mass (Ines Giraldo+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph

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 Open Youth Room ~ LL 106

3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook

6:30 PM Respect Life Committee Meeting ~ 211

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals 8:30 AM School Mass (Laurie Koslowski+) 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

4:00 PM Men's Faith Study ~ 211 5:00 PM All Saints Party ~ St. Joseph Hall

5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals

5:30 PM Mass (Ernest Gales+ and Richard Grant+) Chapel of the Angels ~ Fr. Joseph

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal ~ Choir Room

8:00 PM High School D-Groups ~ LL 106

Thursday, October 26, 2023

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals

8:30 AM Mass (Larry Wasik+) Church ~ Fr. Paul

9:30 AM Circle of Women ~ 206/208 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook

7:00 PM RCIA Class ~ 206/208

7:00 PM Synod Small Group Leader Training ~ St. Joseph Hall

Friday, October 27, 2023 8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals

8:30 AM Mass (Michael Devane+ and Mikki Gottwalt) Church ~ Fr. Joseph

9:15 AM RCIA Friday Class ~ 206/208

9:30 AM Legion of Mary ~ 211

3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook

7:00 PM Middle School Youth Group ~ LL 106

Saturday, October 28, 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 (Roger Harmon+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph

5:30 PM Hospitality ~ St. Joseph Hall

Sunday, October 29, 2023

K of C Waffle Breakfast 9:00 am—12:00

8:30 AM Mass (Pro Populo) Church ~ Fr. Paul

8:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery 8:30 AM Sunday School ~ Classrooms

10:30 AM Mass (Father Skluzacek) Church ~ Fr. Paul

10:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery 10:30 AM Sunday School ~ Classrooms 4:00 PM Young Men's Bible Study~ 211 5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals

5:30 PM Mass (Hartwin Exner) Church ~ Fr. Joseph

6:30 PM Confirmation Preparation ~ LL 106

On the cover: The Tribute Money c. 1610-1615 by Flemish artist Peter Paul Rubens

From the Principal: Ann Laird



Gather to Witness at St. John the Baptist Catholic School

As we begin the 2023-2024 school year, we are excited by the opportunity that this year's theme of Gather to Witness presents to our school community, which has now reached 486 students in preschool through 8th grade! The focus of our theme for this year is to continue to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ and then witnessing that love for Christ to others. Here are several ways we seek to gather to witness:

- Embracing small group evangelization with our staff and middle school students.
- Living out the virtues of hope, studiousness, humility, patience, fidelity, cheerfulness, temperance, obedience, and diligence.
- Serving others through collections for our SJB food shelf, service days, Advent and Lent projects, and other additional ways.
- Responding to the invitation to join God's family and the Church as several school families pursue RCIC, RCIA, and the sacraments.
- Inviting our families in so that we can witness to them during our Faith, Family, and Fellowship mornings as well as worshipping with the parish community at our weekly Wednesday Masses, our three grade level Sunday Masses, and our Catholic Schools Week Mass.
- Attending Adoration and other faith experiences throughout the school year to spend time with the Lord and grow in friendship with Him.

It is with gratitude and joy that we start this school year: gratitude for all of those who built and supported our school over the past decades and great joy that we can continue to build upon the strong foundations of our faith. Please continue to pray for us and our school families, and we will continue to pray for you.

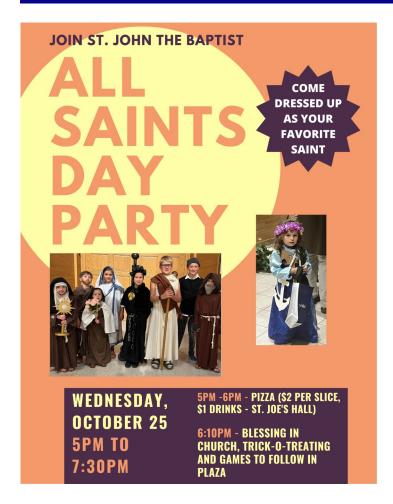
In Christ,

and Lail

Two of our SJB Students received the Sacrament of Baptism this past Sunday!



Happening at St. John's





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: \$10 per person, children 5 and under free, family maximum \$50 (parents and children). Cash, check, or credit card. Come and enjoy some breakfast and some fellowship, and support the Knights!

Circle of Women

Thursday, October 26, upstairs in Room 206/208 at 9:15 am-11:30 am

We welcome women of all ages to our gathering on Thursday, October 26, 2023. We welcome Nell O'Leary and she will speak about "Healing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament." 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.

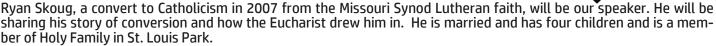
Any questions? Call Michelle (763-442-4936) Hope to see you there!

Looking for a Volunteer Opportunity?

There are a group of parishioners who come in on Mondays to straighten the hymnals and pick up things left in the pews. We are looking for a few more people to help us with this task. We get assigned about once every 6 weeks and it takes about an hour. If you are interested or curious come to our fall meeting in St. Joseph Hall at 9:00 am on Thursday October 26. You can meet our group and get all your questions answered. Or, you can call Peter Walsh at (507)450-9664 for more information.

Catholic Watchmen

The next Watchmen meeting is at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, November 7 in St. Joseph Hall.



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



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 <u>Intercessory Prayer Ministry</u> 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

Quilters Ministry Meeting next: October 24

SJB Quilters will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 1 - 3 pm in Room 203 to make quilts that will be donated to the poor and needy. We have recently had many fabric and quilt tops donated! 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 or by email at Kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.orq.



Faithfully Fit

Come join us for Faithfully Fit, being held on Wednesdays at 9:30 am in Room 210. 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.



A Campaign for Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church and School

The Restore to Gather Capital Campaign Campaign Goals

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

- Q. What is wrong with the school carpet and bathrooms? Do they really need to be replaced?
- A. There are rips, stains and seams that are pulling up in our school carpet. In addition to being unattractive, it has become a health and safety hazard. Likewise, the bathrooms in the school have not seen a significant upgrade in over 70 years. Simply put, our school bathrooms are inadequate and in disrepair.
- Q: What if we raise more than our campaign goal? How will that money be used?
- A: Once we complete these important campus projects, we will direct funding to our current growing ministry needs. We will direct excess funds to support our growing school as well as pastoral care demands for our many homebound parishioners. This funding will help us further Christ's kingdom in these two vital areas.

Faith Formation/Youth Ministry

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 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:



Grow Your Faith, Young or Old!



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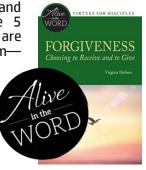
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Alive in the Word

Sister Clarinda's "Forgiveness 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 November 7, 2023. Register early for only \$10. Online registrations are open! Please visit our website to register, stjohnnb.com or scan the QR code with your phone.

"I invite you to journey together with me studying Sunday Scripture and Scripture based Church Teachings."







Respect Life/Generous Spirit

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!

How to Build a Culture of Life

Read the full version at respectlife.org/culture-of-life.

Watching the news and reading the headlines, we may feel helpless seeing the heartbreaking lack of respect for human life. How do we respond? Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts. When we encounter Christ, experience His love, and deepen our relationship with Him, we become

more aware of our own immeasurable worth and that of others. His

Our mission field is daily life.

unchanging love is the source of our God-given dignity, which, therefore, cannot be taken away.

When someone is facing great trials, we need to walk with them on their journey, intercede for them, and be open to sharing Christ's love however He directs. We simply need to follow where He leads.

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World Mission Sunday

How many times do we recall Fr. Paul encouraging us to GO, MAKE, TEACH "to New Brighton and beyond" sharing our Faith in Jesus? Have you done it yet? Well, here is another nudge...beyond the doors of this church building is "Mission Territory".

There are people who NEED to know Jesus in a real, authentic way. To build a relationship with Him, not just hearing about Him, but to be introduced to Him. If not by you, WHO? If not now – today – WHEN?

Today is World Mission Sunday, celebrating those people who have gone out before us to introduce Jesus to the world. The Catholic Church has been doing that for generations. It is her reason for being. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states in paragraph 850 that "The Church on earth is by her nature missionary since, according to the plan of the Father, she has as her origin the mission of the Son and the Holy Spirit." The mission to bring ALL people to Jesus and find salvation there. How are we doing on that? If you need encouragement, consider this it.

There are people in your sphere of influence who do not know Jesus, you may be the only chance they have to hear about Who He is. Just share your story. How do you know He is real? How has He affected your life? Go somewhere you can talk comfortably. Listen to their story, their need. Tell them your story, your testimony. Invite them to know Him, to pray, to come to church, to come to an event, however Jesus leads you.

This is OUR mission, no better time to begin than today!

Stop by the table in the St. Paul Plaza after Mass to hear about missions we are supporting here at St. John's or to ask more about going out to New Brighton and beyond.

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://stiphnnb.com/contact/job-opportunities/

Parish Life

St. John's Newly BaptizedThrough water and the word you have become a child of God and are sealed as Christ's own forever.

Mya GabriellaParents: Todd and Lisa Belanger

Mason James

Parents: Todd and Lisa Belanger

Paisley Ann

Parents: Allison Johnson

Eli Richard

Parents: Richard and Caitlin Schwantes

Alex Andrew

Parents: Andrew and Elizabeth Hinds



Communal Burial Service at St. John the Baptist Cemetery Saturday, October 14





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: 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

> "Those who are called to the table of the Lord must glow with the brightness."

~ Saint John of Capistrano (Feast Day October 23)



Scripture Reflections

First Reading: God revealed to the Persian King, Cyrus, that he would be an instrument of the Lord, proving that no other gods exist. What convinces you there is only one Lord of the universe?

Second Reading: In his opening words to the believers in Thessalonica, Paul offers a prayer of thanksgiving to God for their faith and hope in Jesus. For what or for who are you thankful to God?

Gospel Reading: The religious leaders in Jerusalem tried to "entrap" Jesus with the guestion, "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" How often do you feel you have to defend your faith?

Readings For The Week

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

Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/ Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/ Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/ Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/ Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16 Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/

1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40



Please Pray For...

Those who have entered eternal life: Joanne Nowak, Joseph Nayduciak, Damian Petersen Those who are ill:

Sadlovsky Family, Sheehan Family, Cameron Santos, Patricia Roy, Dave Willette, Madi Rippy, Sydney Jo Rippy, 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 Goe-bel, Danielle Pratt, Claire Kriz, Carol Esterley-Ruff, Joe Brownrigg, Brigit Voss, Brandon Boss, 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, 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.

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

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

2023 FallFest: Gather to Witness!

St. John the Baptist 2023 FallFest Financial Report

	Income Expense		net		
Raffle	\$	49,956	\$ 16,008	\$	33,948
Sponsors/Donations	\$	24,431	\$ 282	\$	24,149
Food/beverage	\$	44,051	\$ 24,301	\$	19,750
Booya	\$	16,872	\$ 6,844	\$	10,028
Children's Games	\$	11,111	\$ 2,059	\$	9,052
Fun Run	\$	12,820	\$ 4,604	\$	8,216
Golf Tournament	\$	5,902	\$ 1,239	\$	4,663
Silent Auction	\$	8,438	\$ 809	\$	7,629
Bean Bag Tournament	\$	2,060	\$ 805	\$	1,255
Car Show	\$	720	\$ 125	\$	595
SJB Clothing	\$	1,380	\$ 1,380	\$	-
Entertainment	\$	11,290	\$ 22,170	\$	(10,880)
Administration	\$	-	\$ 27,396	\$	(27,396)
Totals	\$	189,031	\$ 108,022	\$	81,009



Thank you to all who supported our 2023 FallFest!

FallFest 2023 Financial Report

As you can see in the table above, our financial results from this year's festival were strong, especially given the weather we experienced. Our expenses were up in 2023, but our revenues were up by a greater margin and our net grew by about \$4,000 over last year. For comparison, in 2022 (a rainy festival) we netted \$76,845 and in 2021 (a weekend with great weather!) we saw our highest net yet at \$91,927.

In previous bulletins we thanked the many volunteers, staff and sponsors who made this festival so successful. Again, we say thank you to all who contributed to the success of our 2023 FallFest, which was a great occasion for our parish community to Gather to Witness!

A portion (\$60,000) of our festival proceeds will support all of our ministries through our operating budget. The balance will go to our capital reserves to support the maintenance and improvement of our campus.

Despite the rain this year, we were blessed with amazing volunteers and a powerful SJB community spirit that one could feel at the festival. We are grateful to God for the many ways He is calling us to Gather to Witness to a deeper life in Christ and with each other here at St. John's, including at our parish festival!

Thank you all for your commitment to our core values of a reliance on prayer, a willingness to grow, and a generous spirit. These values, as demonstrated by our parish leaders and so many who celebrated our life together at our festival, are what made it such a success.

Thank you!

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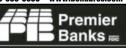
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