

# St John<sup>the</sup> Baptist

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

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2023-24 Guide Book & Directory  
*"Gather to Witness"*



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2023-2024: “Gather to Witness”

Dear parishioners and friends of Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church and School,

The Lord Jesus calls us together from various backgrounds and seasons of life to share in the one Eucharistic Sacrifice, that is the Mass. We “Gather to Witness” Jesus present in the Word and Eucharist at every Mass. We also “Gather to Witness” in many ways throughout the week, both on our campus and off our campus. It is important to remember the reasoning for our various gatherings is to both see Jesus and share Jesus! We desire to build on the strong foundation that our predecessors have established.

This year, Archbishop Hebda has prioritized small group ministry across our Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Here at SJB, we are blessed with a vibrant small group ministry, but we want to build upon it and strengthen it. I personally have experienced that small groups have helped me grow in my faith as well as given me courage to be bolder in living my faith. I encourage you to join a small group if you have not yet as it is a powerful way to “Gather to Witness.”

We have seen tremendous growth in our school the last 5 years and Mass attendance the last 3 years, and we want to support that for years to come. Hence, we are launching a campaign titled “Restore to Gather” in order to raise needed funds to make important upgrades on our campus. These upgrades include scraping and painting the church ceiling, installing a new sound system, fixing the leak about the Baptismal font, upgrading our HVAC to be more energy efficient, updating our school restrooms and replacing the carpeting in the school. These projects are important for creating a campus that is warm, welcoming and is a place where Christ can be encountered and worshiped.

I am grateful for your commitment to our wonderful parish community! Be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones. My prayer is that we will be attentive to where the Lord is calling us forth as He partners with us to build up His kingdom in New Brighton and beyond!

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

*Fr. Paul Shovelain*

Father Paul Joseph Shovelain  
Pastor



## Mission Statement

Bearing witness to Jesus Christ who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life: GO. MAKE. TEACH.

## Vision Statement

We strive to be a community of disciples. We live a sacramental life centered in the Eucharist that is marked by prayer, generosity, ongoing formation, and spreading the Gospel.

### Our Core Values

**We foster a culture that affirms these core values:**

1. A reliance on prayer
2. A willingness to grow
3. A generous spirit

**Our strategic anchors in living out these core values are:**

1. Creating an inviting environment
2. Providing vast formation opportunities
3. Exercising a generous outreach

**Our strategic anchors provide opportunities for us to invite each other:**

### To pray

- Active participation at Sunday Mass
- Commitment to communal prayer and daily personal prayer
- Growing in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit

### To grow

- Developing our personal qualities and characteristics
- Developing our understanding and appreciation of our Catholic Faith, rooted in the Word of God and living Tradition of the Church
- Cultivating the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to share Christ's love effectively in ministry

### To invest

- Sharing the lifesaving message of Jesus Christ with others
- Sharing our gifts with one another, our parish, and the broader community
- Building meaningful relationships with others

## Worship Times

Monday-Friday	Mass at 8:30 am (Rosary at 8:00 am in the Chapel of the Angels)
Wednesday Evening	Mass at 5:30 pm
Saturday	Vigil Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday	Mass 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 5:30 pm
<i>Summer Sunday</i> (Memorial Day thru Labor Day)	8:30 am, 10:30 am & 6:15 pm

## Confessions

Monday-Friday	8:00 am – 8:20 am
Wednesday	5:00 pm – 5:20 pm
Saturday	3:15 pm – 4:15 pm
Sunday	5:00 pm – 5:20 pm ( <i>Summer 5:45 pm – 6:05 pm</i> )

## Office Hours

Monday-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

## Staff

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## Event Calendar 2023-24

November 1	Feast of All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation) Masses at 6:30 am, 8:30 am, 5:30 pm, and 7:00 pm
November 2	Feast of All-Souls Masses at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm
November 5	Turkey Dinner
November 23	Thanksgiving - Mass: 9:00 am (Campus Closed; No School November 23-25)
November 24	Thanksgiving Holiday - (Campus closed after Mass)
November 26	Advent begins
December 5	Sung Lauds (morning prayer) at 9:00 am
December 7	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass at 5:30 pm
December 8	Solemnity of Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) - Masses at 6:30 am, 8:30 am, and 7:00 pm
December 12	Sung Lauds (morning prayer) at 9:00 am
December 15	Preschool – Grade 2 Christmas Concert at 1:00 pm
December 17	Sunday School Christmas Program at 11:30 am
December 17	Advent Communal Reconciliation (Form II) at 3:30 pm
December 19	Sung Lauds (morning prayer) at 9:00 am
December 19	Grades 3 – 8 Christmas Concert at 7:00 pm
Dec. 22-Jan. 1	School Christmas Break
December 22	Half Day for Staff (Christmas Eve Holiday)
December 24	Christmas Eve Masses at 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, and 10:30 pm
December 25	Christmas Day Masses at 8:30 am and 10:30 am - (Campus Closed after 10:30 am Mass)
December 26	Christmas Holiday - (Campus Closed after 8:30 am Mass)
December 27-29	Parish Center closes at 6:00 pm
December 29	Half Day for Staff
December 31	Feast of the Holy Family
January 1	Feast of Mary, Mother of God – Mass at 10:00 am - (Campus Closed after 10:00 am Mass)
January 2	School Resumes
January 6	Feast of the Epiphany
January 6	Journey to the Inn at 5:30 pm
January 8	The Baptism of the Lord – Mass at 8:30 am
January 15	MLK, Jr. Day
TBD	Kindergarten/Preschool Information and Registration Night
January 21	First Reconciliation Retreat
January 27	First Reconciliation Service
January 28-February 2	Catholic Schools Week
January 28	Catholic School Week Kick off Mass at 10:30 am
January 28	Waffle Breakfast (Men's Fellowship/Knights of Columbus)
February 3	Wines to Wishes School Fundraiser
February 14	Ash Wednesday – Masses at 8:30 am, 5:30 pm, and 7:00 pm; Word Service with Ashes at 6:30 am and Noon
March 11-15	School Spring Break
March 24	Palm Sunday
March 24	Lent Communal Reconciliation 3:30 pm
March 25-30	Holy Week (No Meetings)
March 28	Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 pm; Adoration in the Chapel 9:00 pm-Midnight
March 29	Good Friday - Parish Office Closed, No school, Station of the Cross at Noon, Solemn Liturgy at 3:00 pm, and Tenebrae at 8:00 pm
March 30	Holy Saturday - Easter Egg hunt at 10:00 am, Blessing of the Easter Food at 12:00 pm, and the Great Easter Vigil at 8:00 pm
March 31	Easter Sunday – Masses at 7:30 am, 9:30 am, and 11:30 am
April 1	Easter Monday - No School
April 7	Divine Mercy Sunday - Service and Confessions at 3:00 pm
May 1	May Crowning
May 4-5	First Eucharist Weekend
TBD	Spring Band Concert
May 9	Ascension
May 19	Pentecost
May 24	Memorial Day Holiday - No School
May 27	Memorial Day (Campus Closed after Mass)
May 29	SJBS 8th Grade Recognition Breakfast/Ceremony
May 30	8th Grade Graduation
June 5	Last Day of Classes
TBD	Vacation Bible School/Totus Tuus
TBD	CYSC

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# Ministry Directory

How would you like to get involved at St. John's? We invite you to share your time and talent by participating in a ministry or activity in our parish. What are your gifts? What talents do you want to share with others? Please review the volunteer opportunities and prayerfully consider sharing your gifts with the parish community.



## Pastoral Leadership Commission

### Pastoral Leadership Commission

**Description:** The Pastoral Leadership Commission (PLC) is based on a servant leadership model that provides an opportunity for parishioners to share their time and talents with our parish. Parishioners can serve as commission members on one of the eight commissions that support our parish. One member from each commission participates as a representative on the PLC.

Three at-large PLC members who are chosen by the Pastor, along with the PLC representatives, provide support and give feedback to the Pastor at PLC meetings. The PLC promotes our three core values among all commissions and promotes the parish's mission and theme for the year in all ministries.

The overall structure of this model allows for greater participation by parishioners in their parish and a more informed parish leadership group. It creates the opportunity for all parish commission members and leaders to pray together for the people of St. John's and the opportunity for more persons to become involved and active in other St. John's ministries.

Monthly commission meetings incorporate a simple meal followed by prayer before the Commission meetings and PLC meeting. The Commissions and the Pastoral Leadership Council work in partnership with staff to develop the vision, policies and programs that support our Parish mission.

Please contact the parish office for more information. (651) 633-8333 or [sjb@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:sjb@stjohnnyb.org)

### Cemetery Committee

**Description:** Members meet several times a year to review overall operations, recommend pricing for cemetery plots, and update policies and brochures.

**Contact:** Mark Dittman (651) 633-8333 ext. 1215 or [dittmanm@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:dittmanm@stjohnnyb.org)

## Administrative Services Commission Committees, Ministries and Activities



### Administrative Services Commission

**Description:** It is the mission of the Administrative Services Commission to collaborate with parish staff to create a sacred place where all are welcome. This will extend to the physical plant and all properties owned by the parish. The commission will create a safe, secure, and welcoming environment that supports all our parish ministries.

**Core Value:** Generous Spirit

**Contact:** Patrick Hinnenkamp (651) 633-8333 ext. 1203 or [hinnenkamp@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:hinnenkamp@stjohnnyb.org)

## Discipleship and Mission Commission Committees, Ministries, and Activities



**Description:** The mission of the Discipleship and Mission Commission is advisory, to aid ministry leaders in the development and growth of the evangelical and catechetical endeavors of parish life.

**Mission Statement:** Inspiring and leading all at St. John's to become intentional disciples of Jesus Christ through evangelization and faith formation within the heart of the Catholic Church.

**Core Value:** Willingness to Grow

**Contact:** Jill Fink (651) 633-1540 ext. 1280 or [finkj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:finkj@stjohnnyb.org)

## Discipleship Opportunities for Families Nursery

**Description:** Guardian Angels Nursery is open to children ages 1-3 during both the 8:30 and 10:30 am Sunday Masses. The nursery is staffed by a paid nursery supervisor with volunteers assisting during each Mass. Volunteer sign-ups are available with the nursery supervisor on Sunday mornings.

**Core Value:** Generous Spirit

**Contact:** Jen Livermont (651) 633-1540 ext. 1234 or [livermontj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:livermontj@stjohnnyb.org)



### Sunday School

**Description:** Children, ages three to kindergarten, meet during the 8:30 and 10:30 am Sunday Masses. The coordinator is responsible for reading the Bible Story, teaching the lesson, and leading the songs. Teachers are needed to assist with the classroom time and craft based upon the provided lesson plan for the week.

**Core Values:** Willingness to Grow and Generous Spirit

**Commitment:** Sunday School meets from October through April. Teachers can sign up to teach every week or every other week.

**Contact:** Jen Livermont (651) 633-1540 ext. 1234 or livermontj@stjohnnyb.org

### Childcare for Events

**Description:** Childcare is offered for limited parish functions to enable parents to attend formation, meetings, etc. It is open to children of all ages on a first come first served basis. Sign-ups for events and ministries will come out with registration. Childcare is staffed by a paid childcare supervisor with volunteers assisting during each event or activity. Volunteer sign-ups are available by contacting Jen Livermont, Childcare Coordinator.

**Core Value:** Generous Spirit

**Contact:** Jen Livermont (651) 633-1540 ext. 1234 or livermontj@stjohnnyb.org

### Family Formation

**Description:** This is a program for families and their children in preschool through 5th grade. On the first Wednesday of the month each family will gather at church for Faith Formation. While the children attend a classroom session with their catechists, parents will first hear a presentation and then receive materials and guidance to teach their children throughout the next three weeks of the month at home. Family Formation is designed for parents to pass on the faith to their children as well as grow in their own understanding of the Catholic Faith. See Middle School Formation for details regarding 6th-8th graders and their parents.

**Commitment:** Catechists are committed to teaching on the first Wednesday of each month and to attend a catechist training on another Wednesday of each month. Catechists are called to uphold the teachings of the Catholic Church and engage the students as they teach.

**Core Values:** Willingness to Grow, Reliance on Prayer and Generous Spirit

**Contact:** Jen Livermont (651) 633-1540 ext. 1234 or livermontj@stjohnnyb.org

### First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

**Description:** These sacraments are normally celebrated in the 2nd grade. Children are prepared by the parents, who are equipped through parent meetings and materials. Parents and children learn through lessons at home as well as coming to a few events for them at church – kickoffs, retreats, and practices.

**Commitment:** Volunteers are needed for First Reconciliation Retreat, First Eucharist Retreat, and some prep work for each. Time commitment is approximately 6 hours for each retreat.

**Core Values:** Willingness to Grow and Generous Spirit

**Contact:** Jill Fink (651) 633-1540 ext. 1280 or finkj@stjohnnyb.org

### Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC)

**Description:** A family-based class geared for 3rd-7th grade students who did not receive one or more sacraments (Baptism, Reconciliation, and Eucharist). The student and parent will attend Mass and weekly class 9:30-10:30 am on Sundays to prepare for the sacraments. Sacraments will be celebrated on dates decided upon by the families involved.

**Core Values:** Willingness to Grow and Reliance on Prayer

**Contact:** Jill Fink (651) 633-1540 ext. 1280 or finkj@stjohnnyb.org

### Little Flowers

**Description:** For girls starting in kindergarten to grow in virtue as a community. This group gathers once a month for prayer, learning and activities. It is a great way to grow in the Catholic faith that is wholesome and empowering.

**Core Values:** Willingness to Grow and Reliance on Prayer

**Contact:** Jen Livermont (651) 633-1540 ext. 1234 or livermontj@stjohnnyb.org

## Summer Discipleship Opportunities for Families

### Vacation Bible School (VBS)

**Description:** Three days of fun, faith, and fellowship for the little ones. We follow our own faith theme and create activities for each day. Watch the bulletin for this summer's dates.

**Commitment:** Team plans and executes the lessons, games, and activities of the week. Planning requires three to four meetings and prep work, VBS itself is three days - Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday - 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Help with lessons, music, games, water activities, crafts, and all is open to teens through adult volunteers.

**Core Values:** Willingness to Grow, Generous Spirit and Reliance on Prayer

**Contact:** Jen Livermont (651) 633-1540 ext. 1234 or livermontj@stjohnnyb.org

### Totus Tuus Grade School Program

**Description:** Named after St. Pope John Paul's papal motto, "Totally Yours," referring to Mother Mary, this program teaches children, grades 1-5, much about the Church. The young adult team puts prayer and catechesis into active learning along with games and songs. The children cannot wait to share what they learn, and they cannot wait to return for the next day's activities!

**Commitment:** Classroom helpers are needed for the week, 9:00 am-2:30 pm, as well as host families for food and lodging for the 4-person team. Host the team for the week or host one meal for them during the week. Help big or small is so appreciated!

**Core Values:** Willingness to Grow, Generous Spirit and Reliance on Prayer

**Contact:** Jen Livermont (651) 633-1540 ext. 1234 or livermontj@stjohnnyb.org

## Discipleship Opportunities for Youth Grades 6-12

### Senior High Youth Ministry – Wednesday Nights during the School Year 8:00-9:30 pm

**Description:** Join us Wednesday Nights during the school year from 8:00-9:30 pm in the youth room for Senior High Youth Group! SHYG will include games, praise, and worship, talks, small groups, and overall fellowship. Our goal is to create a community of young disciples living counter-cultural bearing witness to the Gospel of our Lord.

**Core Values:** Reliance on Prayer and Willingness to Grow

**Contact:** Interim Sarah Wilder (651) 633-1540 ext. 1254 or wilders@stjohnnyb.org

### Middle School Youth Ministry – One Friday of the Month at 7:00-8:30 pm

**Description:** Middle School Youth Group will meet on one Friday of the Month 7:00-8:30 pm and is open to all middle school students grades 6-8. This high energy program will allow students to be free in Christ, and worship Jesus, and of course have fun with games and fellowship.

**Cover Values:** Reliance on Prayer, Willingness to Grow and Generous Spirit.

**Contact:** Sarah Wilder (651) 633-1540 ext. 1254 or wilders@stjohnnyb.org

### Middle School Formation

**Description:** This is a program for students in 6th-8th grade to grow in their familiarity with the scriptures, their relationship with God, and their Catholic community. We meet weekly, unless otherwise noted, from 6-7:30pm in the youth room. 6th graders will journey through the Old Testament from beginning to end. 7th and 8th graders will encounter the Gospels by studying the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. On the first Wednesday of the month, parents are invited to gather for Family Formation. Family Formation is designed for parents to pass on the faith to their children as well as grow in their own understanding of the Catholic Faith. It includes a presentation, small group discussion, and times of prayer with their children.

**Commitment:** Students commit to weekly formation. Parents commit to monthly formation. Volunteers for the evening program commit to weekly sessions as well as a few training meetings throughout the year.

**Core Values:** Willingness to Grow, Reliance on Prayer and Generous Spirit

**Contact:** Sarah Wilder (651) 633-1540 ext. 1254 or wilders@stjohnnyb.org

### Confirmation

**Description:** Confirmation at St. John the Baptist is a 1-year program that typically begins in 9th grade. It is open to all high school students who desire to receive the sacrament. Candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring. Students are put into small groups and meet weekly on Sunday evenings after the 5:30 pm Mass. General teaching will be together as a large group, and break into small groups. Other commitments include a weekend retreat and service within the community.

**Core Value:** Reliance on Prayer

**Contact:** Interim Sarah Wilder (651) 633-1540 ext. 1254 or wilders@stjohnnyb.org

### Confirmation Small Group Leader

**Description:** Consider becoming a Confirmation small group leader to help our youth fall deeper in love with Jesus Christ. Commitments include leading a weekly small group on Sunday evenings aligning with the Confirmation Schedule. Small groups will be gender specific and around 6-7 people per group.

**Core Value:** Generous Spirit

**Contact:** Interim Sarah Wilder (651) 633-1540 ext. 1254 or wilders@stjohnnyb.org

### Catholic Youth Summer Camp

**Description:** Catholic Youth Summer Camp is one of the many summer activities that SJB offers. CYSC includes high adventure activities including mountain boarding, rock wall, archery, paintball, Color Wars, and more. While these are all wonderful, the BEST part of CYSC is growing in relationship with Jesus Christ through Mass, small groups, talks, prayer, Reconciliation, praise and worship and Adoration. Those currently in grades 5-8 will be campers and participate in all activities.

**Prayer Team** is for mainly 9th grade students and a prerequisite to Discipleship Team. Many students say prayer team is their favorite year. They spend time interceding for the camp and growing in their personal prayer life.

**Discipleship Team** is made up of 10th-12th grade students who have previously been on Prayer Team. Discipleship Team leads small groups of middle school students as well as growing deeper in their faith through service.

**Core Value:** Willingness to Grow

**Contact:** Sarah Wilder (651) 633-1540 ext. 1254 or wilders@stjohnnyb.org

### Summer Mission

**Description:** Each summer SJB takes high school students on some sort of mission experience, examples include Green Bay, WI, Montana, or a Steubenville Conference.

**Core Value:** Generous Spirit

**Contact:** Jim Martin (651) 633-1540 ext. 1228 or martinj@stjohnnyb.org

### Totus Tuus ~ “Totally Yours”

**Description:** Named after St. Pope John Paul’s papal motto, “Totally Yours” referring to Mother Mary, this program teaches teens, grades 7-12, about a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The trained team of young adults puts prayer and catechesis into active learning along with games and songs during the evenings of Totus Tuus Camp.

**Core Values:** Reliance on Prayer and Willingness to Grow

**Contact:** Sarah Wilder (651) 633-1540 ext. 1254 or wilders@stjohnnyb.org

## Discipleship Opportunities for Adults

### Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute

**Description:** The Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute is an ongoing formation resource for Catholic adults of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis who wish to deepen their knowledge of the Catholic faith and further their spiritual formation by studying the 4 pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church in 2 years.

**Core Value:** Willingness to Grow

**Contact:** Jill Fink (651) 633-1540 ext. 1280 or finkj@stjohnnyb.org or Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute (651) 962-6890 or online [www.stthomas.edu/spssod/continuing/catecheticalinstitute/default.html](http://www.stthomas.edu/spssod/continuing/catecheticalinstitute/default.html)

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**Catholic Watchmen**

**Description:** A movement that is Archdiocesan-wide, seeking to engage all men of the parish. Watchmen meets once a month in the evening for food, fellowship, presentations, discussion, and prayer. Each session seeks to help men fulfill their God-given vocations to protect and provide for their families spiritually. In alignment with the core values of the parish, Catholic Watchmen helps men grow in their relationship with God by providing opportunities for prayer while promoting a deeper understanding of our Catholic Faith through dynamic presentations and table discussions.

**Core Values:** Willingness to Grow and Reliance on Prayer

**Contact:** Jim Martin (651) 633-1540 ext. 1228 or martinj@stjohnnyb.org

**Circle of Women**

**Description:** Women of all ages are invited to join us as we journey together with God through informative and inspirational speakers. Each gathering we will listen to a different speaker as we further dive into the Parish theme of being "Called Forth." Coffee/snacks are provided, and childcare is available. Please grab a brochure from the kiosk to check out our schedule for the year. Bring a friend or come alone...all women welcome!

**Core Values:** Reliance on Prayer and Willingness to Grow

**Contact:** Jill Fink (651) 633-1540 ext. 1280 or finkj@stjohnnyb.org

**Devoted**

**Description:** A monthly gathering for women offered in the evenings. A time to take a breath, do something for you and be fulfilled. Come be encouraged and inspired through wine, chocolate, dynamic speakers, and prayer.

**Core Values:** Willingness to Grow and Reliance on Prayer

**Contact:** Jen Livermont (651) 633-1540 ext. 1234 or livermontj@stjohnnyb.org

**Reach More Small Groups**

**Description:** Life Is Better CONNECTED. Small groups draw adults into a transformative friendship with Jesus and one another through God's Word. Participants deepen their relationship with Christ and connect us with one another. Small Groups will: Discuss life and faith, Reflect on God's word together, Apply the Sunday readings to daily life, Seek God together, Pray for and with one another.

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20

**Core Values:** Willingness to Grow and Reliance on Prayer

**Contact:** Claire Brostrom (651) 633-1540 ext. 1250 or brostromc@stjohnnyb.org

**Hospitality after Mass**

**Description:** Coffee ministers are needed to provide refreshments after all weekend Masses, Holy Days, and holidays. Trained leaders make coffee and oversee each Mass time.

**Core Value:** Generous Spirit

**Contact:** Melissa Berg (651) 633-8333 ext. 1227 or bergm@stjohnnyb.org

**Lighthouse Media**

**Description:** Lighthouse Catholic Media provides practical and effective parish and personal programs to help Catholics know and keep their faith. CDs and brochures are available in the rack near the coat room.

**Core Value:** Willingness to Grow

**Contact:** Parish Office for more information (651) 633-8333 or stjohsnb@pmlink.com

**Cana Dinner**

**Description:** Beautiful evening to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage. The event usually takes place in February around Valentine's Day. This event offers couples good content from a reputable speaker, a delicious dinner, and great company at your table. Couples can purchase tickets individually or invite friends to fill a table at a group cost.

**Core Value:** Willingness to Grow

**Contact:** Jim Martin (651) 633-1540 ext. 1228 or martinj@stjohnnyb.org

**Cana Marriage Ministry**

**Description:** Opportunities for married couples to grow in their relationship with each other and God.

**Core Values:** Willingness to Grow and Reliance on Prayer

**Contact:** Jim Martin (651) 633-1540 ext. 1228 or martinj@stjohnnyb.org

**Men's Fellowship**

**Description:** A group of men who desire to be obedient to the will of God and answer His call for our lives. The group gathers on Thursday mornings in Christ's presence to be better educated in the faith, learn how our faith fits into our lives and to share our faith and experiences through service, friendship, prayer, study, and fraternity.

**Core Values:** Willingness to Grow and Reliance on Prayer

**Contact:** Jim Martin (651) 633-1540 ext. 1228 or martinj@stjohnnyb.org

**Alive in the Word & Sunday Scripture**

**Description:** Short studies to journey together studying scripture based on the seasons of our lives and virtues for disciples using scripture-based church teachings and the Sunday gospel. Classes are held weekly for approximately 5 weeks on Tuesday or Thursday morning after Mass for the following Sunday. Registration is required.

**Core Values:** Willingness to Grow and Reliance on Prayer

**Contact:** Jodie Wolla (651) 633-1540 ext. 1211 or wollaj@stjohnnyb.org

**Fall & Winter Scripture Study**

**Description:** We offer a weekly Fall & Winter Scripture Study using books, video, readings and discussion. Classes are held Wednesday mornings after Mass. Registration is required.

**Core Values:** Willingness to Grow and Reliance on Prayer

**Contact:** Jodie Wolla (651) 633-1540 ext. 1211 or wollaj@stjohnnyb.org

**Becoming Catholic-the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**

**Description:** A welcoming and open environment that provides opportunities to explore the Catholic Faith. Through formation, teaching, and prayer we come to understand what Catholics believe, know why we believe it, how we celebrate it through sacrament and prayer as well as how to live it out in everyday life. There is no pressure to become Catholic but you will be asked throughout the process to make some decisions about moving forward in the process. It is the pastoral, liturgical, and catechetical process for initiating new members into the Catholic Church. Sessions meet on Thursday evenings from mid-September until after the Easter Vigil celebration.

**Core Values:** Willingness to Grow and Reliance on Prayer

**Contact:** Jill Fink (651) 633-1540 ext. 1280 or finkj@stjohnnyb.org

**RCIA Team Members and Sponsors**

**Description:** Adult volunteers who journey with potential candidates through the process of becoming Catholic. Team members can assist in a variety of ways: sponsor the candidate, aid in facilitating the sessions and help with hospitality. Sponsors accompany their candidate at the weekly sessions, share testimony, present readiness of candidate at liturgical ceremonies and provide prayer and support to our community.

**Core Values:** Willingness to Grow, Reliance on Prayer and Generous Spirit

**Contact:** Jill Fink (651) 633-1540 ext. 1280 or finkj@stjohnnyb.org

**New Member Welcome Committee**

**Description:** Parishioners warmly welcome new members to our parish community. The committee takes turns conducting the New Member Welcome Orientation after Masses on the 2nd weekend of the month. As available, committee members help the pastor host a social for new members annually.

**Core Value:** Generous Spirit

**Contact:** Jim Martin (651) 633-1540 ext. 1228 or martinj@stjohnnyb.org

**Sacramental Preparation Programs**

Baptism Preparation Class (for families with children infant through age 6)

**Description:** A required session for parents as they ready themselves to present their child for the Sacrament of Baptism, the baptismal rite, and encouragement on how to live out the responsibility to raise this child in the Catholic Faith. The class is held monthly on a Monday evening and Baptisms are on the third Sunday of each month unless otherwise designated differently.

**Core Value:** Willingness to Grow

**Contact:** Deacon Michael Lane (651) 633-1540 ext. 1219 or lanem@stjohnnyb.org

**First Reconciliation and First Eucharist**

**Description:** These sacraments are normally celebrated in the 2nd grade. Children are prepared by the parents, who are equipped through parent meetings and materials. Parents and children learn through lessons at home as well as attending retreats, practices and celebrations. Families receive a partnership for students within the Family Formation and School lessons.

**Core Value:** Willingness to Grow

**Commitment:** Volunteers are needed for First Reconciliation Retreat, First Eucharist Retreat, and some prep work for each. Time commitment is approximately 6 hours for each retreat.

**Contact:** Jill Fink (651) 633-1540 ext. 1280 or finkj@stjohnnyb.org

**Marriage Preparation Couples**

**Description:** Married couples accompany engaged couples as they prepare for the sacrament of marriage through content discussion, social gatherings and community events. Training is provided.

**Core Values:** Reliance on prayer, Willingness to Grow and A Generous Spirit

**Contact:** Jim Martin (651) 633-1540 ext. 1228 or martinj@stjohnnyb.org

**Finance Commission**



**Finance Commission**

**Description:** Develop an operating budget for each fiscal year, and oversee our income and expenses, the capital budget and long-term parish planning. The Finance Commission seeks to live out the core value of a Willingness to Grow. Commission members watch for trends in our parish finances but also seek to understand our financial situation on a more detailed level. This can lead to asking new questions, changes in reporting, and proposing changes in how we allocate our resources.

**Core Value:** Willingness to Grow

**Contact:** Mark Dittman (651) 633-8333 ext. 1215 or dittmanm@stjohnnyb.org

**Parish Development Commission  
Committees, Ministries and Activities**



**Parish Development Commission**

**Description:** The purpose of the Parish Development Commission is to advise the parish on promoting a spirit of generosity in support of the mission and core values of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, School, and Cemetery. The commission seeks to foster an authentic joy in generosity that will enable the parish's day-to-day operations and a broad range of initiatives including the Legacy Society, parish endowments, capital projects, and special funding needs of the church, school, and cemetery.

**Core Value:** Generous Spirit

**Contact:** Mary May (651) 633-8333 ext. 1253 or maym@stjohnnyb.org

**St. John the Baptist Legacy Society**

**Description:** St. John the Baptist Legacy Society was established to honor those who include our parish, school, and/or cemetery in their will or estate plan, or provide another bequest, such as naming St. John the Baptist as beneficiary of a retirement account or life insurance policy. This group gathers once or twice a year for an appreciation event that includes prayer and fellowship. Legacy Society members also receive the spiritual benefit of an annual Mass offered for their needs and intentions. We are grateful for their generous spirit in supporting our parish for future generations!

**Core Value:** Generous Spirit

**Contact:** Mary May (651) 633-8333 ext. 1253 or maym@stjohnnyb.org



**50 Year Club**

**Description:** More than 50 years ago, the parishioners of Saint John the Baptist celebrated the first Masses in our “new” church. As part of our 50 Year Celebration in 2018-2019, we launched a 50 Year Club to recognize parishioners who have been members of the parish for 50 years or more. Each year, a new group of parishioners are welcomed into this special group, as they are recognized for their long-time membership of 50 years or more. Annual activities include a spring or summer luncheon and fall-themed event.

**Core Value:** Reliance on Prayer

**Contact:** Mary May (651) 633-8333 ext. 1253 or maym@stjohnnyb.org

**Parish Groups and Activities Commission**



**Parish Groups & Activities Commission**

**Description:** It is the mission of the Parish Groups and Activities Commission to serve the Parish’s ministries in their work to enrich and deepen parishioners’ relationship with God and one another.

**Core Value:** Generous Spirit

**Contact:** Rita Arndorfer (651) 633-8333 ext. 1220 or arndorferr@stjohnnyb.org

**African American Group**

**Description:** This group was founded by African immigrants, for African immigrants, to welcome them, to help them feel connected in the parish, and to serve in whatever ways the group can offer. In the past, they have served hospitality after weekend Masses, including some of their cultural dishes; participated in outreach projects, have started “family comes together” events in their homes and have encouraged their members to participate in the parish at all levels. They meet every other Sunday after 10:30 am Mass.

**Core Value:** Generous Spirit

**Contact:** George Awah (651) 278-3390 or Esther Oweridu (651) 328-7913

**Council of Catholic Women**

**Description:** A spiritual and service organization devoted to Our Blessed Mother and the Holy Rosary.

**Core Value:** Reliance on Prayer

**Contact:** Parish Office for more information (651) 633-8333 or sjb@stjohnnyb.org

**Dinners - Turkey, Italian, and SJB Feast Day**

**Description:** These large parish-wide dinners are held once a year and workers are recruited before each event by announcement.

**Core Value:** Generous Spirit

**Contact:** Parish Office for more information (651) 633-8333 or sjb@stjohnnyb.org

**FallFest Committee**

**Description:** Help organize the Parish’s largest annual fundraiser, which is held during a weekend in September. Subcommittee members are also needed. Weekend workers are recruited in late August and early September. Commitments range from minimal to moderate, but everyone is needed!

**Core Value:** Generous Spirit

**Contact:** Mark Dittman (651) 633-8333 ext. 1215 or dittmanm@stjohnnyb.org

**Funeral Luncheon Committee**

**Description:** Help provide luncheons after funerals by preparing and serving food, working at the luncheon, or by donating food.

**Core Value:** Generous Spirit

**Contact:** Melissa Berg (651) 633-8333 ext. 1227 or bergm@stjohnnyb.org

**Garden and Indoor Plant Club**

**Description:** Care for indoor plants in the building year-round and help plant and care for outdoor gardens during the warm weather.

**Core Value:** Generous Spirit

**Contact:** Patrick Hinnenkamp (651) 633-8333 ext. 1203 or hinnenkampp@stjohnnyb.org

**Girl Scouts of America**

**Description:** Girl scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

**Core Value:** Generous Spirit

**Contact:** Parish Office (651) 633-8333 or sjb@stjohnnyb.org

**Knights of Columbus**

**Description:** An organization committed to unity as a Catholic lay organization, charity to those in need, and fraternity with fellow knights.

**Core Value:** Generous Spirit

**Contact:** Jim Martin (651) 633-1540 ext. 1228 or martinj@stjohnnyb.org

**Legion of Mary**

**Description:** The Legion of Mary is an association of practicing Catholic men and women who, with the sanction of the Church under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of all Graces, have formed themselves into a legion for service, in proclaiming the beautiful truths of the Catholic faith, to promote the Church’s work and to wage warfare against evil powers in the world.

**Core Value:** Reliance on Prayer

**Contact:** Parish Office (651) 633-8333 or sjb@stjohnnyb.org

**Lenten Soup Suppers**

**Description:** Held on Lenten Fridays, the supper is prepared and served by ministry groups or individual families. Freewill offering is given to charity.

**Core Value:** Generous Spirit

**Contact:** Melissa Berg (651) 633-8333 ext. 1227 or bergm@stjohnnyb.org

**Library Committee**

**Description:** Volunteers are needed to collect and catalog materials for the parish library as well as assist visitors to the library on Sundays after Mass. Training is provided.

**Core Value:** Generous Spirit

**Contact:** Joseph Huebl (651) 633-8333 ext. 1217 or hueblj@stjohnnyb.org





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**Parish Photographers**

**Description:** Parishioners, trained in the policies of the parish, take photos at parish events for use in the bulletin and on the parish website.  
**Core Value:** Generous spirit  
**Contact:** Joseph Huebl (651) 633-8333 ext. 1217 or hueblj@stjohnnyb.org

**Quilters Group**

**Description:** Make quilts for donation to charitable organizations. Requires no previous skills or experience. Gather on the second Thursday and the fourth Friday of each month. Open to everyone!  
**Core Value:** Generous Spirit  
**Contact:** Mary Kohlhaas (651) 633-8333 ext. 1229 or kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org

**Welcome Desk**

**Description:** Staff the Reception Desk in St. Paul Plaza. Duties: answering phones, welcoming, and directing guests. Regulars and subs needed. Will train.  
**Core Value:** Generous Spirit  
**Contact:** Teri Shea (651) 633-8333 ext. 1237 or sheat@stjohnnyb.org

**Pastoral Outreach Commission  
 Committees, Ministries and Activities**



**Pastoral Outreach Commission**

**Description:** Our mission is to engage the Parish community in the mission of the Church and continue the work of Christ in caring for those in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual care.  
**Core Values:** Reliance on Prayer, Willingness to Grow and Generous Spirit  
**Contact:** Mary Kohlhaas (651) 633-8333 ext. 1229 or kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org

**Angel Tree**

**Description:** This is our holiday giving ministry. Parishioners are needed not only to donate gifts, but also to deliver the presents to Ralph Reeder Center.  
**Core Value:** Generous Spirit  
**Contact:** Lee Tremll (651) 633-8333 ext. 1212 or tremll@stjohnnyb.org

**Branch III**

**Description:** Provide hot lunches at the Catholic Charities Drop-in Center in Minneapolis on the first and second Tuesday of each month.  
**Core Value:** Generous Spirit  
**Contact:** Deacon Gary Schneider (651) 633-8333 ext. 1288

**Growing Through Loss**

**Description:** Growing Through Loss is a grief ministry program, which is held twice a year at various churches in the area. The meetings have a speaker on a specific grief topic and break into small groups for discussion. Come for one class or the whole series.  
**Core Values:** Willingness to Grow and Reliance on Prayer  
**Contact:** Susan Amos Palmer (651) 633-8333 ext. 1298

**Homebound Ministry**

**Description:** To provide Communion visits to those who are homebound or at risk on a regular basis – some weekly, some monthly.  
**Core Values:** Generous Spirit and Reliance on Prayer  
**Contact:** Mary Kohlhaas (651) 633-8333 ext. 1229 or kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org

**Hospital Eucharistic Ministers**

**Description:** Bring Eucharist to Catholic patients at Unity and St. John’s Hospitals in St. Paul once a month.  
**Core Values:** Generous Spirit and Reliance on Prayer  
**Contact:** Mary Kohlhaas (651) 633-8333 ext. 1229 or kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org

**Kidz Closet**

**Description:** Provides clothing from newborn to size 7, as well as diapers, baby accessories, books and small toys. We offer aid and friendship to families in need.  
**Core Values:** Generous Spirit and Willingness to Grow  
**Contact:** Mary Kohlhaas (651) 633-8333 ext. 1229 or kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org to volunteer, donate items or get more information. To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-221-8211. One can also schedule an appointment on the parish website as well.

**Meals on Wheels**

**Description:** Deliver meals once a month on either a Monday or Friday at 10:45 am out of the Northeast Youth & Family Services building in Shoreview.  
**Core Value:** Generous Spirit  
**Contact:** Marian Briggs (651) 631-9395 or marian.briggs9@gmail.com

**Missions**

**Description:** To support the vetted mission outreaches of various parishioners.  
**Core Values:** Reliance on Prayer and Generous Spirit  
**Contact:** Mary Kohlhaas (651) 633-8333 ext. 1229 or kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org

**Nursing Home Ministry**

**Description:** Provide weekly Word/Communion services to Catholic residents in local healthcare centers. (Flexible schedule!)  
**Core Values:** Generous Spirit and Reliance on Prayer  
**Contact:** Mary Kohlhaas (651) 633-8333 ext. 1229 or kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org

**Prayer Letter**

**Description:** Over 120 Prayer Ministers call on the power of Community Prayer for unity, peace, and special intentions. Join them from home.  
**Core Value:** Reliance on Prayer  
**Contact:** Deacon Gary Schneider. Please call the Parish Office (651) 633-8333 or schneiderg@stjohnnyb.org.

**Prayer Line**

**Description:** Prayer requests are gathered by phone and passed on to our Prayer Line Ministers. There is also an emergency line, and requests remain confidential.  
**Core Value:** Reliance on Prayer  
**Contact:** Teri Shea (651) 633-8333 ext. 1237 or sheat@stjohnnyb.org

**Respect Life Committee**

**Description:** Our mission is to implement the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities and in so doing to be a people of life and a people for life. We meet regularly once a month and attempt to impact life issues wherever we can.

**Core Values:** Reliance on Prayer, Willingness to Grow and Generous Spirit

**Contact:** Mary Kohlhaas (651) 633-8333 ext. 1229 or kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org

**Sharing and Caring Hands**

**Description:** Volunteers from St. John's purchase, prepare and serve approximately 360 meals to the poor over the lunch hour at Sharing and Caring Hands in downtown Minneapolis on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

**Core Values:** Reliance on Prayer and Generous Spirit

**Contact:** Marty Schutz at (763) 242-4563

**St. John's Food Shelf**

**Description:** Assist those needing to use our emergency food shelf which is open three mornings a week.

**Core Value:** Generous Spirit

**Contact:** Mary Kohlhaas (651) 633-8333 ext. 1229 or kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org

**St. Vincent De Paul Society**

**Description:** Members of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul (or "Vincentians") are men and women who strive to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to individuals in need. Assistance is provided to members in the community in financial need due to unexpected life circumstances.

**Core Values:** Reliance on Prayer, Generous Spirit, and Willingness to Grow

**Contact:** Mary Kohlhaas (651) 633-8333 ext. 1229 or kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org

**School Advisory Commission  
Committees, Ministries and Activities**



**St. John the Baptist Catholic School Advisory Committee (SAC)**

**Description:** Assists the principal to establish school goals related to mission/philosophy, policy, facilities, finance, and marketing. SAC is a consultative advisory committee.

**Core Value:** Generous Spirit

**Contact:** Principal Ann Laird (651) 633-1522 or lairda@stjohnnyb.org

**St. John the Baptist Catholic School**

**Description:** St. John the Baptist Catholic School has been a part of the St. John's community for almost 75 years. It is our privilege to partner with parents in educating our students in faith, virtue, and academics. Please contact the school directly for service opportunities. Family service volunteer hours may be completed through parish activities as well as the school!

**Core Values:** Reliance on Prayer, Generous Spirit and Willingness to Grow

**Contact:** Principal Ann Laird (651) 633-1522 or lairda@stjohnnyb.org

**Faithful Beginnings at St. John the Baptist Catholic School**

**Description:** For children ages three to five. Preschool offers classes two, three or five days per week: morning or afternoon sessions with extended care available from 8:00 am-5:00 pm. Our classrooms are warm and welcoming and filled with developmentally appropriate material conducive to the hands-on approach to learning. Being a Catholic program, the Preschool staff use positive discipline models, prayer throughout the day, and strive to encourage strong, positive social skills. This year we will be piloting the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program with the hope of expanding in the future. Please contact the Preschool for service opportunities.

**Core Values:** Reliance on Prayer, Generous Spirit and Willingness to Grow

**Contact:** School Office for more information (651) 633-1522 or Andrea Schroeder, Preschool Director at schroedera@stjohnnyb.org

**Worship Commission  
Committees, Ministries and Activities**



**Worship Commission**

**Description:** It is the mission of the Worship Commission to provide direction and support for worship ministers and ministries in ways that increase, enhance, and encourage active participation in worship by all members of the parish community.

**Core Values:** Reliance on Prayer, Willingness to Grow, and Generous Spirit

**Contact:** Lee Tremll (651) 633-8333 ext. 1212 or tremll@stjohnnyb.org

**Archives Committee**

**Description:** This committee has the important job of preserving the history of St. John's Parish by collecting, organizing, storing, and displaying various artifacts.

**Core Value:** Generous Spirit

**Contact:** Lee Tremll (651) 633-8333 ext. 1212 or tremll@stjohnnyb.org

**Arts and Environment Committee**

**Description:** Plan and execute the interior and exterior environment of the church.

**Core Value:** Generous Spirit

**Contact:** Lee Tremll (651) 633-8333 ext. 1212 or tremll@stjohnnyb.org

**Altar Guild**

**Description:** Take care of the Sanctuary and its furnishings, changing the seasonal and feast day paraments and candles accordingly.

**Core Values:** Generous Spirit, Reliance on Prayer, and Willingness to Grow

**Contact:** Lee Tremll (651) 633-8333 ext. 1212 or tremll@stjohnnyb.org



### **Funeral Host Ministry**

**Description:** Funeral hosts welcome people attending a funeral at St. John's. The hosts provide directions for the funeral lectors and gift bearers. The hosts create a welcoming environment for the funeral family and their guests.

**Core Value:** Generous Spirit

**Contact:** Rita Arndorfer (651) 633-8333 ext. 1220 or arndorferr@stjohnnyb.org

### **Intercessory Prayer Team**

**Description:** Learn how to pray in teams with individuals for their personal needs. These prayer sessions are typically held after certain weekend Masses, as well as during other parish events as the opportunities present themselves.

**Core Values:** Reliance on Prayer, Willingness to Grow, and Generous Spirit

**Contact:** Deacon Gary Schneider (651) 633-8333 or schneiderg@stjohnnyb.org

### **Liturgy**

**Description:** Various opportunities exist for Liturgical participation including the following positions: Cross bearer, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, greeters, lectors, Mass servers, and ushers. Training is required for all positions.

**Core Values:** Reliance on Prayer, Willingness to Grow, and Generous Spirit

**Contact:** Lee Treml (651) 633-8333 ext. 1212 or tremll@stjohnnyb.org

### **Music**

**Description:** Various opportunities exist for musical ministry including the following: children's choir, adult choir, schola, hand bell choir, baptism music group, cantors, festival orchestra and contemporary ensemble.

**Core Values:** Reliance on Prayer, Willingness to Grow, and Generous Spirit

**Contact:** Lee Treml (651) 633-8333 ext. 1212 or tremll@stjohnnyb.org

### **Perpetual Adoration**

**Description:** Perpetual Adoration is a Eucharistic devotion whereby members of the Parish volunteer to spend one hour per week in adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament, both during the day and throughout the night, seven days a week.

**Core Values:** Reliance on Prayer and Willingness to Grow

**Contact:** Deacon Gary Schneider (651) 633-8333 ext. 1288 or schneiderg@stjohnnyb.org

*For additional information, please contact the listed person or the parish office at (651) 633-8333 or by E-mail at [sjb@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:sjb@stjohnnyb.org).*