

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



*"His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant.
Since you were faithful in small matters,
I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.'"
~ Matthew 25:21*

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Monday	8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Thursday	8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Friday	8:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Saturday	9:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Church Nursery: We offer year-round nursery during both the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Sunday Masses for children ages 1-3. Children play with caring staff while you are able to fully participate in Mass.

Stay Connected:

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Follow us on Instagram: @stjohnnyb_church

Subscribe to our YouTube Channel <https://bit.ly/3n9WnGQ>

EMAIL: sjb@stjohnnyb.org

Visit our website: www.stjohnnb.com

Archdiocese's Victim/Survivor Assistance Program

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

Schedule of Events

Monday, November 20, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass (Marilyn Rivard+ and Fusina Michael Langason+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Church
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook
 6:30 PM Council of Catholic Women Meeting ~ St. Joseph Hall
 6:30 PM Grandparent Ministry Event ~ 206/208

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass (The Stoss Family) Church ~ Fr. Paul
 9:00 AM Kidz Closet ~ 203
 9:30 AM Alive in the Word ~ 210
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass (Don and Nancy Krieger) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 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 (Arthur and Phyllis Leu+) Chapel of the Angels ~ Fr. Paul
 6:00 PM Altar Guild ~ Church

Thursday, November 23, 2023

Thanksgiving Day - Campus Closed after Mass

8:30 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 9:00 AM Mass (John and Katherine Macnowski) Church ~ Fr. Paul
 10:00 AM Hospitality ~ St. Joseph Hall
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook

Friday, November 24, 2023

Campus Closed after Mass

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass (Jeannene and William Otto+) Church ~ Fr. Paul
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook

Saturday, November 25, 2023

Wreath Sales in St. Paul Plaza

8:30 AM GIFT Faith Study ~ 211
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Prayers ~ Facebook
 3:15 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 4:30 PM Vigil Mass (Emily and Gordon+ Dahl) Church ~ Fr. Paul
 5:30 PM Hospitality ~ St. Joseph Hall

Sunday, November 26, 2023

Wreath Sales in St. Paul Plaza

8:30 AM Mass (James and Roberta Moran+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 8:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery
 9:30 AM Hospitality ~ St. Joseph Hall
 10:30 AM Mass (Peter and Lucy Simones and Family) Church ~ Fr. Paul
 10:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery
 11:30 AM Hospitality ~ St. Joseph Hall
 12:00 PM Baptism ~ Church
 4:00 PM Young Adult Men's Bible Study ~ 211
 5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 5:30 PM Mass (Pro Populo) Church ~ Fr. Paul



Gather for an Exchange of Witness

A common question in a social environment is “what do you do for a living?”. My answer focuses on working in ministry for the Catholic Church accompanying people to encounter our living God. You can imagine an array of responses. Fellow Catholics leaning in to learn about the sacramental preparation and adult formation. Other reactions from an openness to want to learn more, to an awkward silence, or dismissal of the value of the profession. In reality, I like the opportunity to share how God has led me to this ministry work and a possible opportunity to invite a further witness of faith. Living in Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit and for the glory of God the Father has an adventure of faith unlike other worldly pursuits.

This weekend we call forth adults and teens who have responded to this adventure of faith and are in the process of becoming Catholic or being Confirmed in the Catholic faith. This fall they followed the Holy Spirit’s promptings and started the steps forward of awakening faith. This process for adults has a name change of Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) which is a slight change from Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). A recent update in the process clarifies that Order is more encompassing of the many Rites that are celebrated within the process. We have another large class this year. Our adults in the OCIA have gathered in this Inquiry time where the beginnings of the spiritual life and the fundamentals of Christian teaching have taken root within them. Sponsors accompany them each week and give witness of their life in Christ and follow them on their path of understanding and integrating an encounter with God to developing a prayer life. The path is not merely a transfer of information but a work of transformation. This Saturday night our adults accompanied by their sponsors will be welcomed into the Catechumenate stage where they will declare their intention to the Church of the progress of faith they have made and ask for the prayers and witness of the Church. They come forward witnessing to the work God has done in their life and looking for the witness of Catholics on how to be a disciple. We gather for an exchange of witness realizing that we, as the Body of Christ, need the example and prayer of each other to live this life of discipleship well.

Our readings today speak of this exchange. In our Gospel we hear the words that each of us desires to hear at the end of our life standing before our Savior, “*Well done, my good and faithful servant.*” (Matthew 25:21)

As we celebrate the Rite of Acceptance and Welcome of our OCIA adult catechumens and candidates at the Saturday evening Mass, and our confirmation teens celebrate the Rite of Welcome (a new addition to the program) with their sponsor and parents at the Sunday evening Mass, let us pray for their journey of faith and give witness to them of Catholic discipleship. Together we can be the Children of the Light that St. Paul encourages (Thessalonians 5:5), witnessing to each other and the world.

In Christ,

Jill Fink



The 2022-23 Becoming Catholic Catechumens and Candidates celebrating the Rite of Acceptance and Welcome.

Happening at St. John's

Young Adult Friendsgiving

Young Adults ages 18-35 are invited to gather for a Friendsgiving dinner on Saturday, November 18 at 6:00 pm at a parishioner's home. You may RSVP to Sarah Wilder via the invite sent last week or at wilders@stjohnnyb.org. The address can be supplied upon request.

St. John's Concert

On Sunday, November 19 at 2:00 pm the St. John the Baptist Parish Choir and Festival Orchestra will be performing Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Coronation Mass in C Major in the church.

The concert is free and there will be refreshments to follow in St. Joseph Hall.
(Note, this does not fulfil your Sunday Mass obligation)

Council of Catholic Women



The Council of Catholic Women invites you to our next meeting on November 20 at 6:00 pm in St. Joseph Hall. For more information please contact Theresa Cermak by email at theresacermak100@gmail.com or by phone 763-786-7051.

Grandparent Ministry

Just in time for holiday family gatherings! The Grandparent Ministry will be sponsoring "How To Talk About God to Preschoolers" on Monday, November 20. The presentation by Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Teachers Bri McCaffrey and Jenn Turner will begin at 7:10 pm in room 206, preceded by the Rosary in the chapel at 6:30 pm and hospitality.

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, November 18, after the 4:30 Mass
Sunday, November 19, after the 8:30 Mass and
Sunday, November 19 after the 10:30 Mass.

Circle of Women

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

We welcome women of all ages to our gathering on Thursday, November 30, 2023. We welcome Mary Minor who will present *"For Nothing is Impossible for God."* 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!

All Seniors Advent Party

Sponsored by CCW & Young At Heart

YOU are invited to an Advent Party to celebrate the season and help you focus on *Jesus, the Reason* any of it – and us – exist!! We are planning a great afternoon for you and your guests – bring whomever you would like to invite (in the Seniors Category) and a white elephant gift to exchange! (What is a white elephant? Anything you want it to be - \$20.00 limit).

Saturday, December 9, 2023 SAVE THE DATE!
11:00 am – 2:00 pm in St. Joseph Hall
Please bring snacks, desserts, or appetizers to share!

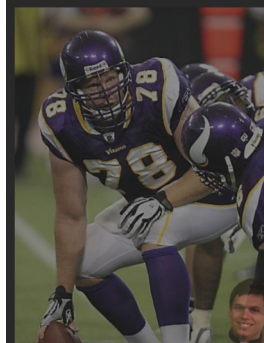
Men's Advent Night

FAITH AND FOOTBALL: BEING ON GOD'S TEAM

For fathers and sons ages grade 5 and up

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Keynote speaker Matt Birk is
a former MN Viking,
Superbowl Champion, and
Catholic author



5:30 pm: Dinner
6:05 pm: Game plan for Advent
7:45 pm: Adoration and
Confession
8:15 pm: Closing prayer and
opportunity for autographs and
photos
8:30 pm: Depart



Happening at St. John's

December Family Formation

Wednesday, December 6
6:00-7:30pm St. Joseph Hall

Holy Spirit: Water and Fire



Pat Millea is a national speaker who will present about how the Holy Spirit makes actual in us what Jesus made possible. The Holy Spirit bestows gifts we can tap into to lead a holy life.



Ignite Music at Mass

This weekend our 8:30 am, 10:30 am, and 5:30 pm Masses will be accompanied by the contemporary music group Ignite to assist with your worship.

Incense at Mass



We will have incense at Mass on

- † Thursday, November 23 at 9:00 am for Thanksgiving Day Mass.
- † Sunday, November 26 at 10:30 am for the Solemnity of Christ the King.
- † Friday, December 8 at 7:00 pm for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Men's Fellowship

Thursday Mornings 6:30 am—8:00 am
in St. Joseph Hall
Now – December 28, 2023

*The Pivotal Players II – Bishop Robert Barron
DVD Series*

The Pivotal Players - Volume II unlocks the truth behind the Catholic Church's most influential people. These multi-part series illuminates a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of civilization. Come learn about St. Augustine, St. Benedict, Fulton J Sheen, Flannery O'Connor, Bartolome De Las Casas and St. Ignatius.

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

Parish Library News

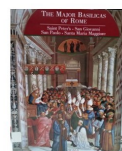


→ Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850-1917), (November 13) founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. She was an Italian immigrant who became an American and worked with orphans, youth, and Italian immigrants in New York and Chicago. She was the first American citizen to become a saint.

← Saint Elizabeth of Hungary (1207-1231), (November 17) a princess who gave up wealth and crown, to embrace poverty as a Third Order Franciscan, and became renowned for her charity, deep spirituality, and tireless work to ease the suffering and hunger of the poor.

We celebrate the Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul in Rome (November 18).

Learn more in our Biography/Autobiography, Saints, Private Revelations, and Vatican/Rome sections.



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

Quilters Ministry

Meeting next: November 28

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.**



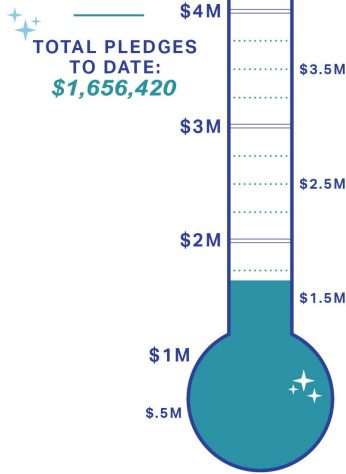
For more information, please contact Helen at 763-786-1512. If you would like a prayer quilt, please contact Mary Kohlhaas at 651-633-8333, ext. 1229 or by email at Kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org.

Job Openings at St. John's

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

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/>

Happening at St. John's



Dear St. John the Baptist parishioners and friends,

God is good! We are currently \$1,656,420* to our goal and know many families have pledging on their "to-do list." Vital improvements to our church and school depend on campaign success as does the strength of St. John's as a place to grow in friendship with Christ.

Capital campaigns do more than just raise money for important projects. They bring a community closer. We already see this in meetings our volunteers are having with families. They also increase stewardship as parishioners are reminded of annual needs to support our church, school and vibrant ministries. Perhaps the best aspect of a successful campaign is knowing that families joined together to make it happen.

*"Where two or more are gathered in my name I am there."
~ Mt. 18:20*

Scan the QR code or visit our website (<https://stjohnnb.com/campaign/>) to learn more about our Restore to Gather campaign, our goals and how to make your pledge.

** Pledge total as of November 11, 2023*



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Youth Ministry

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Register for Youth Ministry

Our insurance company wants liability waivers for all of our events, so we made one that will cover the whole year! Please register your son or daughter for youth ministry programming so that we can cover all of our bases! Use the QR codes to register.



High school QR code



Middle school QR code

9th-12th Grade Events and Programs

High School Discipleship Groups

10th-12th graders are invited to join a discipleship group. D-groups are composed of 4-8 teens with 1-2 adult leaders. They commit to being a disciple of Jesus and to walking together in that journey. D-groups meet on Wednesday from 8:00 pm—9:30 pm.

High School Youth Events

Our last event of the semester will be an Advent Party on December 20 from 8:00 pm—9:30 pm.

6th-8th Grade Events and Programs

Wednesday Night Bible Study/Middle School Formation

Wednesdays from 6:00 pm-7:30 pm in the Youth Room
Over three years, students will develop a firm foundation of faith to carry with them into high school and beyond. 6th graders are studying the Old Testament. 7th and 8th graders are studying the life of Jesus through the gospels. The program features a weekly scripture study, prayer, and a competition for the kingdom cup.

Open Youth Room/Discipleship Groups

Tuesdays from 2:30 pm-4:00 pm in the Youth Room
All students in 6th-8th grade are invited to gather for time as a community, prayer lessons, faith discussions, snacks, and games. Every other week we will have discipleship groups which focus on growing together as disciples of Christ.

Middle School Youth Group

3rd Fridays from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm in the Youth Room
Once per month, our middle school community gathers for faith and fun. Our next MSYG is on Friday November 17. We will spend part of the evening playing a large group game and part of the evening in prayer. All 6th-8th graders are invited to come!

Want to get on our email list?. Reach out to Sarah Wilder at wilders@stjohnnyb.org. We send out a weekly update on everything we have going on in St. John's Youth Ministry.

Generous Spirit Opportunities

St. Vincent de Paul Society Sock Drive

We all like to receive gifts and so do the homeless. That's why we are asking you to consider buying an extra package of socks or underwear when your family is out shopping. Please place your donations in the blue bins at the church entrances. Next week will be the **LAST WEEK** of our 2023 drive. Thank you for your support.



Sponsored by the
St. Vincent de Paul Society



Angel Tree 2023

Our Annual Angel Tree will be going up this weekend. We are once again we are collecting for Ralph Reeder Food Shelf, St. Vincent de Paul and Sharing and Caring Hands. Thanks for your donations

Christmas Wreaths

The Grandparent Ministry will continue the sale of Christmas wreaths and swags after Masses this weekend and the weekend after Thanksgiving. Price is the same as last year - \$25. Cash or check, please.



St. Vincent de Paul

We are experiencing a remarkable increase in calls to our parish from families and individuals who are in financial distress over rent payments (shelter), food, clothing, or furnishing needs (often mattresses and beds). Our St. Vincent de Paul chapter here at St. John's is often relied upon to sort out how best to aid these people in need. Our ability to help stop an eviction, or provide food assistance and warm clothes, or secure decent bedding for young children hinges on the donations from our St. John the Baptist parish members. The collection at the upcoming Thanksgiving Day Mass is one of the two times each year our St. Vincent de Paul group is the beneficiary of the money collected at the service. Over the years, St. Vincent de Paul has distributed thousands of dollars to the needy in our parish and in the surrounding community. Thank you for your generous financial support over all these years that allow us to carry out Jesus' call to take care of the poor and needy among us.

Thanks be to God!

May God continue to bless the Parish of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church for the generosity of these Catholics who truly grasp the importance of "Go. Make. Teach."

Because of an abundance of donations, I was able to purchase additional barrels and ship a total of 19 barrels to Kakata, Liberia. I plan to unpack these barrels next March during my annual trip to Liberia.

May God use those thousand of books and school resources to minister to hundreds of adults and children over many years to come!

~ Naomi Hard



Early giving for Give to the Max has officially begun! Our goal this year is \$10,000, which will help us to purchase technology items for our teachers.

www.givemn.org/organization/stjohnnyb

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. Please scan the QR to sign up or sign up in person at the Adoration Chapel check-in desk.

Open hours are:

Monday 3 am

Tuesday 11 am, noon, 7 pm

Wednesday 7 am, 1 pm

Thursday 9 am

Friday noon, 1 pm, 10 pm

Saturday 9 am, 11 am, noon

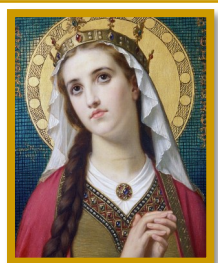


Email sibadoration@gmail.com with any questions

God is calling you; can you spend an hour with Him?

*"God is always present,
even in the darkest
of times."*

~ Saint Elizabeth of Hungary
(Feast Day November 17)



Scripture Questions

First Reading: Proverbs describes the ideal wife who runs her household with wisdom and grace. How would you describe your household growing up?

Second Reading: Paul reminds the Thessalonians to stay alert and sober for the day when the Lord Jesus will return. Why do you think the date of this event is hidden from us?

Gospel Reading Jesus teaches about the importance of using our God-given gifts faithfully and prudently in the parable of the talents. What gifts have you used well in your life?

Readings For The Week

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Pray with SJB Every Day at 3:00 pm

Everyday at 3:00 pm, the hour of Jesus's Great Mercy, Father Paul or a staff member leads a special litany and novena prayer live on our parish's Facebook page.

We welcome you to pray along with us when we pray live at 3:00 pm or later in day with our prayer video when you are able to.

We started this devotional during the covid pandemic as a means of praying together and staying connected during those uncertain times.

Please Pray For...

Those who have entered eternal life:

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, 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, Marilyn Ward, John Klingler, Sarajo Groehler, Patty Mans, Joan Cossack, Scott Nugent, Margot Savre

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

Parish Life

Hello SJB Family,

I am very happy to say that I have completed Chemotherapy and Radiation. My CT scan on September 21 showed no signs of Cancer. Moving forward I will have a scan every 3 months for 2 years, and every 6 months for 3 years. Praise God!

I truly believe, from the bottom of my heart, that this good news is a reflection of the many prayers being prayed for me. My family at SJB has shown me what love and steadfastness to prayer can do. I am so grateful and humbled that truly words cannot express what your love and prayers have meant for me and my family. I am in awe of the blessings God has blessed me with through you.

I will take one scan at a time and be grateful for whatever God has planned for me.

As my energy and attitude continue to improve, I am returning to active ministry by doing one on one visits with parishioners who are home bound and bringing Eucharist to those desiring it. I hope, at some point, to return to assisting at Mass and helping with other liturgical needs.

I am also happy to say that Susan is greatly improving. As you may recall she was diagnosed with NPH (normal pressure hydrocephalus) more than a year ago. This affected her mobility and balance. It was hard for her to walk, and she experienced many falls. In August she had surgery to relieve the pressure. A stent was put in to drain the excess fluid from her brain to her stomach. The surgery was a success, and she has regained her mobility and balance. It will take some time to regain her energy and endurance. We are taking small steps with the hope of her gaining her pre NPH condition.

She dittos her gratitude for your prayers and is humbled by your love.

Deacon Rod and Susan Amos Palmer

On Saturday, October 28, St. John's took a busload of parishioners down to planned parenthood to pray on the sidewalk for a conversion of the hearts and minds of all those in the abortion industry.



Gather to Witness in the Mission Fields

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

Hello my dear friends and family!

Every day I am in awe that The Lord has called me to be a part of His mission in the salvation of souls. It is true for me and you! Through our Baptism we are called to this mission. God has placed specific people in our lives that He wants us to share the good news of Jesus with. What a joy it is to be on mission with you as we seek to share The Lord's love with students at The University of Tulsa!

It's a blessing to see God continuing to bring new people into our community at the Newman Center. This month we hosted a Spanish Mass + evening of fun at Newman! We had the opportunity to welcome many new faces into our community! For some, this was their first time attending Mass on campus. After Mass we enjoyed fellowship with tacos, sweet bread, hot chocolate along with a game of loteria and finished with a pinata! It was a beautiful reminder of how deeply The Lord desires an intimate relationship with each one of us.

In response to The Lord's desire for relationship with us, we continue to make invitations to students to encounter Christ! Bible studies continue to grow - the graduate Bible study now impacts 15 souls with the possibility of three other women joining us. We are also making invitations to SEEK, FOCUS' annual national conference, and continuing invitations to our spring break mission trip.

As I bring these students to prayer, know that I also pray for you! I would love to hear your specific prayer requests! Please text me at 817-929-8161 or email me at camryn.sulak@focus.org. Thank you for being on mission with me! I am so grateful for your encouragement, friendship and partnership in sharing the Gospel.

SEEK

The national SEEK conference is hosted by FOCUS annually. The conference is held over winter break for 5 days of fellowship, prayer, sacraments, talks, and entertainment. This is a radical way the students can be generous with their time over break and make themselves available to The Lord in a unique way - being surrounded by 17,000+ others who want to grow in their relationship with God! Our hope is to bring 50 students from the University of Tulsa to SEEK this year! So far we have 32 students committed to going! We had a cookout to invite students into fellowship and give a taste of what SEEK will be like! (See picture)

Please pray for our continued invitations, that the students may have this opportunity to encounter Christ!

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What a joy it is to walk intentionally with women who are seeking to imitate Christ and share His love with others! That is our hope through inviting students into discipleship. Once they make the decision to place God at the center of their life, we get to walk with them as they discover what it means for them as college students, specifically through prayer, sacraments, fellowship and teachings of the Apostles (Acts 2:42). Then we give them the invitation to go out on mission with us and walk with other women! Abby and Kara have recently said yes to being sent out on mission to invest in other women!



God bless and thank you,

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