

November 26, 2023 hn Baptist Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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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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

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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 27, 2023

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

8:30 AM Mass (All the Souls in Purgatory) Church ~ Fr. Joseph

9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Church

3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals 8:30 AM Mass (Tom Boigenzahn+) Church ~ Fr. Paul

9:00 AM Kidz Closet ~ 203

9:30 AM Alive in the Word ~ 210

1:00 PM Library Committee Meeting ~ Library 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, November 29, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals 8:30 AM Mass (Larry Wasik+) 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 (Doug and Paula Leu+) Chapel of the Angels

~ Fr. Paul

6:00 PM Family Formation Catechist Training ~ 210

6:00 PM Middle School Faith Formation ~ LL 106

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

Thursday, November 30, 2023

6:30 AM Men's Fellowship ~ St. Joseph Hall

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

8:30 AM Mass (Stephen Lauinger) Church ~ Fr. Paul

9:15 AM Circle of Women ~ 206/208

3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook

7:00 PM OCIA Class

ext. 1237

ext. 1224

ext. 1220

ext. 1227

ext. 1217

ext. 1210

ext. 1255

Friday, December 1, 2023

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

8:30 AM Mass (Elaine Villafana+) Church ~ Fr. Paul

9:15 AM OCIA Friday Class ~ 206/208

9:30 AM Legion of Mary ~ 211

3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook

7:00 PM Altar Guild ~ Church

Saturday, December 2, 2023

K of C Coffee Sales in Plaza after Mass

8:30 AM GIFT Faith Study ~ 211

2:00 PM Eiden/Bradac Wedding ~ Church

3:00 PM Gather to Witness Prayers ~ Facebook

3:15 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals

4:30 PM Vigil Mass (The living and deceased members of the Eugene McNamara family) Church ~ Fr. Paul

5:30 PM Hospitality ~ St. Joseph Hall

Sunday, December 3, 2023

K of C Coffee Sales in Plaza after Mass

8:30 AM Mass (Stephanie Percic) Church ~ Fr. Joseph

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

9:30 AM Hospitality ~ St. Joseph Hall

10:30 AM Mass (Joseph+ and Lori Szepieniec) Church ~ Fr. Paul

10:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery 10:30 AM Sunday School ~ School Classrooms

11:30 AM Hospitality ~ St. Joseph Hall

4:00 PM Young Adult Men's Bible Study~ 211

4:30 PM RCIC Meeting ~ 206 5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals

5:30 PM Mass (Pro Populo) Church ~ Fr. Paul

6:30 PM Confirmation Preparation ~ LL 106

From the Pastor: Father Paul Shovelain



Happy Thanksgiving from St. John's!

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this past week, know that I am so thankful to be here at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and School. Every time I gather with parishioners or staff, I witness Christ's powerful love. Whether it is in our parishioners reflecting God's love back to Him in the Mass, or our volunteers and staff stepping up to serve the spiritual needs of our parishioners, I am impressed with your yes to follow Christ. Here are a few ways in which I witnessed Christ this month:

- t In beautiful Masses we celebrated on All Saints day asking their intercession and knowing that holiness is possible for us
- t In the beautiful Masses on All Souls as we prayed for those who have gone before us
- t In the Holy Spirit guiding different conversations or Homilies where I knew it was not my own words but that of Christ
- t In the small group leader training as our parishioners wanted to share their love for Christ with others
- t In the participants and sponsors in OCIA wanting to learn the faith so that they can follow Christ more closely
- † In the generous spirit of our parishioners and staff to our Restore to Gather Capital Campaign
- t In the beautiful Anointing Mass where we anointed 115 people approached Christ, asking for healing
- t In our school students celebrating Mass together and praying boldly and loudly the Our Father
- t In our volunteers who serve families in need both with food from our food shelf and clothes and baby supplies from our Kidz closet
- t In our commission members as they share their expertise and use the gifts God has given them to help us serve our parishioners better
- t In our small group leaders and participants as they approach the Father together in prayer

God is at work and it is beautiful to be a part of His ministry here at SJB! Know of my gratitude for your yes and even taking the time to read this and grow in awareness of parish happenings here at SJB. As we celebrate Chris the King Sunday this weekend, I am grateful to serve our King with you by my side and know of my prayers for you and your families. As we approach Advent, may the Holy Spirit open our eyes to witness to Christ in every interaction we have.

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

Father Paul Shovelain

Happening at St. John's

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.

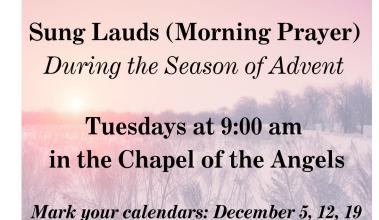
Any questions? Call Michelle (763-442-4936) Hope to see you there!

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

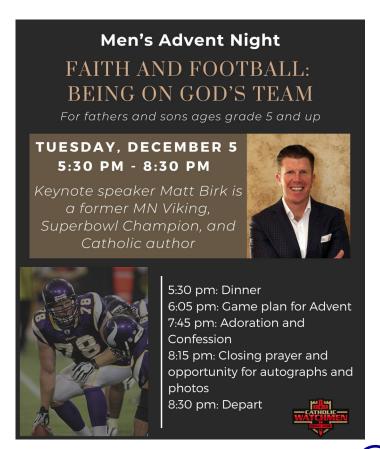
Please bring snacks, desserts, or appetizers to share!

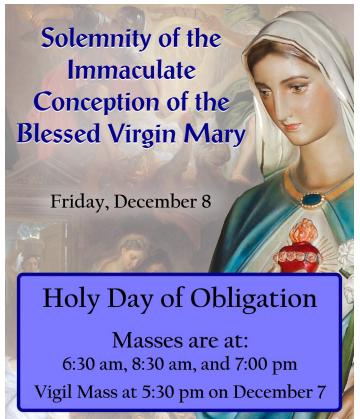


Caregiver's Group

For all those who are taking care of a loved one and are looking for a break, a support group, and/or a friend to lean on. We meet on December 5, the 1st Tuesday of the month, from 1:00—2:30 pm in Room 204.

Come join us for a break, good company, good conversation and good prayer. You can come and share or just listen, whatever you are comfortable with; everyone will understand.





Happening at St. John's



Advent at St. John's

This Advent, encounter Jesus through the Scriptures. We have several ways for you to do this:

- Take the One%Challenge. Grab a card guide and your Bible and spend 1% of your day – about 15 minutes in His Word. The card gives the scripture verse for you to encounter Jesus.
- Word Among Us Scriptural Advent Guide gives the church's reading of the day along with a write up to help apply the Word to your life.

Contact Jill Fink, Director of Discipleship at 651.633.1540 ext. 1280 or by email at finkj@stjohnnyb.org.

Widows & Widowers

Our next get together is Monday, December 11 at 11:30 am at the Perkins on County Rd. D.

Young Men's Group

St. John's Sunday Young Men's GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) Group meets at 4:00 pm in Room 211. We welcome anyone that may be interested.

We are currently watching throug the first season of The Chosen, then discussing it with study guide if time permits. This is a great way to grow in fellowship with other young men from the parish in addition to growing in holiness—especially now a we prepare for the start of Advent.

Next meeting: Sunday, November 26 at 4:00 pm in Room 211

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.

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Library Hours: Open after all weekend Masses, including Sunday evening!

The Library is up the ramp across from the Archives case.

Mark you calendars for our upcoming Library Book Fair Giveaway on December 9 and 10 after all the weekend Masses.

Books, DVDs, and CDs to enrich your faith.

St. John the Baptist Parish Library

Youth Ministry

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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.

Pictured below: High School Praise and Worship Night on November 15 in the Chapel of the Angels. We worshipped Jesus together and then had some social/ recreational time together in the Youth Room

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

Did you see Him?

He stood there in line with the others and waited his turn. "Here". the volunteer said as she handed him a pair of new socks.

"Thank you", he whispered and held them tightly as if she had given him a treasure.



I watched as he walked through the crowd following him outside. He crossed the street, dodging traffic, as people rushed past not even seeing him, too busy with their own lives. He sat on a vacant bench and removed his worn shoes. (I thought of the washing of feet on Holy Thursday.)

I had intruded his privacy long enough. My curiosity satisfied, I turned to go. He looked up, our eyes met. He smiled. It was only then at the corner of my eye that I saw his bare feet and the place where the nails had held them to the cross.

Thank you for seeing Jesus in these, the least of our brothers and sisters. This weekend is the last chance to bring in socks and underwear for the homeless.

> Sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society



Angel Tree 2023

Our Annual Angel Tree is up and ready for donations. 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.



The bulletin deadline is 12:00 pm on Thursday, 10 days before the Sunday publication date. Space is limited, so edits may happen. Thanks for understanding. Send requests to: huebli@stjohnnyb.org

Christmas Flower Memorials

If you would like to remember those who have died, or honor someone special, we invite you to donate or honor someone special, we invite you to donate in their name(s) to the Christmas Plant, Wreath & Tree Fund. Please complete the form below and Tree Fund. Please complete the form below and send it with \$20 (suggested amount) to the Parish Center. You can also donate online by visiting our website www.stjohnnb.com, go to online donations, fill in the information for FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR or use the envelope provided in your packet.

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Medical Leftovers?

Do you have any medical leftovers after someone no longer has need of them? It is useful and you don't want to toss it, but you don't need it or want to store it? Bring it in to the Pastoral Ministry Office. We will collect and send it down to Rochester to the Rochester Medical Mission who sorts, packs and sends it on to Haiti.

If in doubt, give Mary a call at 763-242-4229. In the past, our parish has sent four carloads of goods to Rochester for Haiti. Another carload went to Haiti by way of

someone traveling there as well. Another carload went to the Ukraine with a family who still had family members there in need. Know that you are helping others around the world so much, and thank you for passing on the goods they need.

(Pictured is a van full of medical leftovers we took down to Rochester earlier this year.)



Parish Life

Dear St. John the Baptist parishioners and friends,

We love that St. John's is more than just a church. It is a community of people who trust each other and guide each other on the path to holiness. We have three children that attend St. John the Baptist School. We were led to St. John's during Covid. It was a time that really opened our eyes to the importance of what was being taught to our children. We want to assure that our children are being taught the Catholic values that will help build a strong foundation for



A Campaign for Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church and School

them in the future. Children are the future in both the church and the world. It is important that we help provide resources to ensure their success. The Restore to Gather campaign is personally important to us. The campaign will provide improvements to the foundation of our buildings and establish a School Operations Endowment. The endowment will assure that our teachers will be justly compensated, provide state-of-the-art learning facilities while also attract qualified teachers that will guide the future generations who attend St. John the Baptist School. We are supporting this campaign and invite the entire St. John the Baptist community to join us. Together we can all achieve our common goal that God has in store for our school and our church."

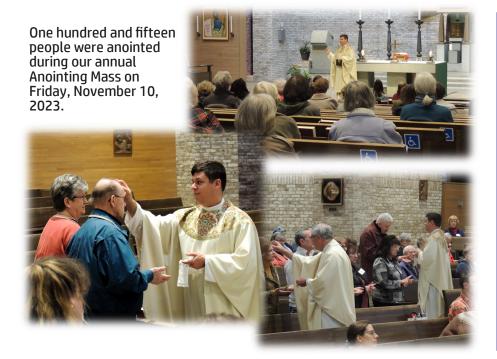


Ricky and Stephanie Longnecker Restore to Gather General Chair members

The Restore to Gather campaign is about more than just raising as much money as possible. While we do have urgent material needs that need to be addressed, we are also focusing on the importance of growing and strengthening our parish family. A goal of this campaign is to bring us all closer together and unite us in Christ. We already see this in meetings our volunteers are having with families. Perhaps the best aspect of a successful campaign is the strengthening of our community as families ____ _____

join together, united in faith and trust in Christ. "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, our progress, and how to make your pledge.



Job Openings at St. John's

- Youth Ministry Intern— Temporary
- Receptionist/Executive Assistant
- Middle School ELA and Religion 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/

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 5 am, 9 am, 11 am, noon

Email sjbadoration@gmail.com with any questions

Incense at Mass

We will have incense at Mass on

- 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

Scripture Questions

First Reading: Ezekiel offers a beautiful vision to the Israelites held captive in Babylon of God as a shepherd tending carefully to the sheep in his flock who are lost, injured, or sick. Who do you know needs to hear this message of hope?

Second Reading: Paul teaches the Corinthians how believers are destined to share in resurrected life with our Lord Jesus Christ. What do you imagine resurrected life with Christ will look like?

Gospel Reading: The final Gospel reading of the Liturgical Year focuses on Judgement Day. All will be measured by how we treated those on the margins of society. What could you do this week to help the poor or the stranger or those in prison?

Readings For The Week

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 Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/ Lk 21:1-4 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/ Lk 21:5-11 Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/ Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/

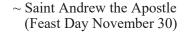
Mt 4:18-22

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/ Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/ Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

"When you love someone, you take them into your heart, and that is surely why it hurts so much when we lose someone we love, because we lose a part of ourselves...





Please Pray For...

Those who have entered eternal life:

Those who are ill:

Sadlovsky Family, Sheehan Family, Cameron Santos, Patricia Roy, Dave Willette, Madi Rippy, Sydney Jo Rippy, Jesse McDonough, Daryl Stevens, 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

Gather to Witness in the Mission Fields

an update from Madison Deutscher, former SJB NET Missionary
and current Damascus Missionary

Hello my dear friends and family!

Happy fall! Living in farmland Ohio, I have become aware of the harvest season. A years worth of hard work and labor produce a great abundance of food that bless not only the harvester, but others as well. This fall, I myself have been experiencing the rewards of the harvest both spiritually and physically through the beginning of my second year with Damascus.

Last year greatly prepared me for the new opportunities and roles I have been given this year.

My full-time role this year is household lead. As a household lead I am learning how to form and lead those in my house by building authentic women's community, establishing a healthy rhythm of life, and cultivating virtue. We are in a new house this year and are embarking on the adventure of moving and furnishing a home that will not only bless and serve those living in it now, bur for years to come. The women in my house are amazing and I am learning so much from them!

Testimony

Our God is a God of promises! This past July we had a community event called the outpouring. At the outpouring, people of all ages come together to pray and worship. During chis event, we had prayer teams. Another missionary and myself were able to pray with and for some of the people that came. In particular, there was a married woman who asked us to pray that her and her husband would be able to have children. They had been crying for a while and were hopeful that the Lord would answer their prayers. My partner and I both prayed for her. A few months later at our women's retreat in September, a woman came up to me, she asked, "do you remember me?" le was the same woman from the outpouring in July! She shared that after we prayed with her four days lacer she found out she was pregnant! She is now fourteen weeks pregnant and expecting her first child! The Lord is so, so good and knows the desires of our hearts. He is calling us to ask in faith, just like chis woman, for our prayers to be answered! He is a God of promises and He is trustworthy and faithful!



What's Next?

I am very excited for the new opportunities and experiences I am stepping into, here at Damascus. On our upcoming leadership retreats, I am Emceeing which is where myself and another missionary will be leading a large group through onstage ministry. This will look like leading fun energizers, introducing skies and dramas, and sharing the heart of Jesus through exhortations, preaching, and teaching. After leadership retreats, I am also blessed with the opportunity to speak on our high school retreats. On our high school retreat I will be speaking on the question, "who is Jesus?" As I am so blessed and excited by these opportunities, I am grateful and honored by you continued support and generosity! Thank you:)

God bless and thank you,

Madison Deutscher



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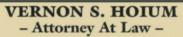
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