

Bearing witness to Jesus Christ who is the Way, the Truth and the Life: **GO. MAKE. TEACH.**
Our Core Values: a reliance on prayer, a willingness to grow, a generous spirit



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PARISH CENTER HOURS

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

Church Nursery: We offer year-round nursery during both the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Sunday Masses for children ages 1-3.
Note, no Sunday Nursery for Sunday, December 24 or December 31.

Stay Connected:

LIKE OR FOLLOW US on FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/SJBNewBrighton/>

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, December 11, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass (Frank and Matta Dulski+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Church
 11:30 AM Widows and Widowers Lunch ~ Off Site
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass (Lucia Hong Tran+ and Anthony Tiem Vu+) Church ~ Fr. Paul
 9:00 AM Kidz Closet ~ 203
 9:30 AM Alive in the Word ~ 210
 2:30 PM Middle School Open Youth Room ~ LL 106
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook
 5:30 PM PLC Meetings ~ St. Joseph Hall

Wednesday, December 13, 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 (Joseph Modessette+ and Yvonne Nord+) 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, December 14, 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 (Sharon Rasmussen+) Church ~ Fr. Paul
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook
 7:00 PM OCIA Class

Friday, December 15, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass (Tom Boigenzahn+) 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 Middle School Youth Group ~ LL 106
 7:00 PM Altar Guild ~ Church

Saturday, December 16, 2023

8:30 AM GIFT Faith Study ~ 211
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook
 3:15 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 4:30 PM Vigil Mass (Thomas William Carlson+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 5:30 PM Hospitality ~ St. Joseph Hall
 5:30 PM Intercessory Prayer Ministry ~ Chapel of the Angels

Sunday, December 17, 2023

Sunday School Program following 10:30 am Mass

8:30 AM Mass (The living and deceased members of the Diaz and Hennessey families) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 8:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery
 9:30 AM Hospitality ~ St. Joseph Hall
 9:30 AM Intercessory Prayer Ministry ~ Chapel of the Angels
 10:30 AM Mass (Phero Thong Nguyen and Maria May Nguyen) Church ~ Fr. Paul
 10:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery
 10:30 AM Sunday School ~ School Classrooms
 11:30 AM Hospitality ~ St. Joseph Hall
 11:30 AM Intercessory Prayer Ministry ~ Chapel of the Angels
 12:00 PM Baptism ~ Church
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook
 3:30 PM Advent Communal Confessions ~ Church
 4:00 PM Young Adult Men's Bible Study ~ 211
 5:30 PM Mass (Pro Populo and Maria Trinh +) Church ~ Fr. Paul
 6:30 PM Confirmation Preparation ~ LL 106



From the Pastor: Father Paul Shovelain

Second Week of Advent

Advent is a time to reflect on our priorities. What have I filled my calendar with? What have I filled my home with? What have I filled myself time with? When we honestly answer these questions, we see where our treasure is. Advent is a time to have more quiet and reflection as we not only focus on Christ's coming at His birth, but also at the end of the age. Are we prioritizing steps that will lead us to Eternal Life? We are asked by the Lord to repent of our sins and receive His mercy. Take time this Advent to come to confession. Whether it has been 2 weeks, 2 months, 2 years or 2 decades, Christ wants to forgive you. Take time this Advent for an extra daily Mass. For those who are unable to attend in person, please join us online. Take time this Advent for adoration. Come to our beautiful adoration chapel to pray or bring a your family or friends to our Chapel of the Angels for group adoration. Christ is here waiting for you.

I also want to add a little clarity regarding our the Fourth Weekend of Advent and Christmas Masses. To fulfill your Sunday obligation, the Church asks that you to attend Mass on Saturday night at 4:30 pm or Sunday morning at 8:30 am or 10:30 am. To fulfill your Christmas obligation, the Church asks that you attend Mass Sunday evening at 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm or 10:30 pm or Monday morning at 8:30 am or 10:30 am. Sorry it is a not a two for one special this year:) You get to come to Mass twice!

Our Restore to Gather Capital Campaign for our church and school is going well. Thank you to those of your who have turned in your pledge form! We are over half way to our 5 million dollar goal. For those who have not turned in a pledge form, I invite you to fill it out and return your pledge form in the collection basket at church. Together we can restore our campus so that people can gather here for generations to come. On the weekend of November 11th and 12th I preached about supporting our parish community as we raise up disciples like Regan, a 3rd grader from our school, who gave her dad his first rosary and taught him how to use it. Well, since that homily, Regan's mom has given birth to twins, a baby boy and a baby girl! Regan now has the opportunity to help both of them encounter God's love as she has helped her dad. They will be Baptized here at SJB in the near future and we look forward to welcoming them into our school once they are of age. Our parish is growing, and God's love is growing here as well. Let's come together and support our Restore to Gather Campaign with meaningful sacrificial gifts so that we can raise up future saints at SJB!



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

Father Paul Shovelain

Regan with her baby brother Emmett, her baby sister Clare is not pictured.

Fr. Joseph invites you to Join the Children's Choir

Fr. Joseph is looking for students in grades 2-8 and up to be a part of the St. John's Children's Choir that will be leading us in music at the Christmas Eve 4:00 pm Mass. There will be two practices, one on Wednesday, December 13 from 6:00 pm-7:30 pm, and the other on Wednesday, December 20 from 6:00 pm-7:30 pm. On Sunday, December 24, we will have a final rehearsal from 2:00 pm-3:45 pm, before the Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 pm. All practices will be in the choir room downstairs.

If your child(ren) are interested, please email Father Joseph at frnguyen@stjohnnyb.org with your child's name and grade.

Father is also looking for parents who are available to help out with practice. He would like to have one who can play the piano and others to encourage the children to sing and keep them focused. Volunteers need to have their E3 (Virtus) completed. If you are interested, please let Father Joseph know by email.

There will also be a few practices before school starts from 7:30 am-7:50 am. These times are not required and are additional to the Wednesday evening ones. Father is looking forward to working with the children to use their gifts to glorify God and lead our community in prayer!

Advent/Christmas 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.

Advent Confession Schedule:

Communal Reconciliation

Sunday, December 17 ~ 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Private Confessions

Tuesday, December 19 ~ 7:00 am - 8:15 am

Wednesday, December 20 ~ 3:00 - 5:15 pm

Regular Confession Times

Monday - Friday ~ 8:00 am - 8:20 am

Wednesday ~ 5:00 pm - 5:20 pm

Saturday ~ 3:15 pm - 4:20 pm

Sunday ~ 5:00 pm - 5:15 pm

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve ~ Sunday, December 24

4:00 pm

6:00 pm

10:30 pm with incense

Christmas Day ~ Monday, December 25

8:30 am

10:30 am with incense

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Monday, January 1

10:00 am with incense
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)



ADVENT 4-PART SERIES ON THE MASS

How the physical actions witness Christ

1st Sunday: Postures

--Bonus--
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception:
Receiving (like Mary did!)

2nd Sunday: Processions

3rd Sunday: Gestures

4th Sunday: Humility

"The hope is that we will be able to internalize more fully the grace of the Mass and be even greater witnesses of Christ as we go forth from Mass"

Advent Items at the Book Rack

In collaboration with St. George Christian Books and Gifts, St. John's is bringing back religious and spiritual enrichment for purchase, bringing the convenience of obtaining quality books to our campus. Check out the Advent materials newly added: Advent wreath candles, devotional books and boxed Christmas cards. Do your Christmas shopping here! Here is how it works: The price of the item is marked on the front or inside cover. There are several ways to give



your payment: You can scan the QR code and use a credit or debit card. The processing will be through St. George Christian Books and Gifts. Or you can use the envelope in the item to place cash or a check and put envelope in the slot or weekend collection. Make checks out to St. John the Baptist. Contact Jill Fink, Director of Discipleship at finkj@stjohnnyb.org.

Happening at St. John's

Sung Lauds (Morning Prayer)

St. John's sung Lauds together at 9:00 am on the first Tuesday of Advent. Please join us for our next two times on December 12 and 19.



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

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, DECEMBER 16, after the 4:30 Mass
Sunday, DECEMBER 17, after the 8:30 Mass and
Sunday, DECEMBER 17, after the 10:30 Mass.

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

New Parishioner Welcome

St. John's New Member Welcome is in St. Joseph Hall after all of the Masses this weekend. Ask all your questions and get connected to your new spiritual home!

Parish Library Book Fair

The Parish Library **ANNUAL BOOK FAIR** giveaway is **this weekend** in Saint Paul Plaza after all weekend Masses, starting after the 4:30 pm Mass.

All items are FREE! Duplicates and other materials that the Library cannot use **are given away FREE!** Items include

books DVDs CDs
rosaries crucifixes religious medals
statues prayer cards other religious items

This is a great opportunity to collect some Christmas gifts!

Books, DVDs, and CDs to enrich your faith.

St. John the Baptist Parish Library



Expectant Parents Blessing December 10

Parents expecting a new baby or adopting one in the near future, are invited to join us for a special blessing at the "Garden of Life" chapel after the 8:30 am Mass on December 10.

Sponsored by St. John's Respect Life group

Widows & Widowers

Calling all widows and widowers! Are you looking for a new social group or friend network? Come have lunch with us! Our next get together is Monday, December 11 at 11:30 am at the Perkins on County Rd. D.

Journey to the Inn

Join us on Saturday, January 6, for Mass at 4:30 pm, followed by a pasta dinner sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. After dinner, we will begin our journey in the church with a Bible reading, singing and candlelight procession out of church to the living manger. We will sing Christmas carols as we follow the Wise Men to the stable with live animals. Hot cocoa and cookies to follow in St. Joseph Hall.



Happening at St. John's



Sunday, January 7

Chili COOK OFF

Competition is limited to the first 20 people to register! \$25 entry fee

Come taste the chili and vote for the best!

\$10 presale tickets December 17 - January 5

\$12 at the door on January 7

All you can eat chili! Tasting starts at 11:30 am!

Make the best chili to win cash prizes

Contact Melissa Berg for more info and to register!

bergm@stjohnnyb.org or 651-633-8333 ext. 1227

Quilters Ministry

Meeting next: December 12

SJB Quilters will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 1 - 3 pm in Room 203. We've had many fabric and quilt tops donated. Our group only ties quilts during our meetings and many hands would make short work! **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.

Faithfully Fit

Come join us for Faithfully Fit, being held on Wednesdays at 9:30 am in Room 210. You are welcome to join us any Wednesday.

Join the Young Adult Community!!

If you are ages 18-35 and are interested in joining us for any events or programs, please sign the liability waiver for the year and you will be added to our email list! This is not a commitment to attend anything but will allow you to freely attend any events whether they are on or off site! How exciting! Sarah typically sends out a communication 1-2 times per month with different things that young adults may be interested in participating in! The waiver will last from May 2023 through May 2024. See the QR code:



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Youth Ministry

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

6th-8th Grade Events and Programs

Middle School Youth Group – Gaga Ball and Rosary

Friday, December 15 at 7-8:30 pm in the Youth Room

Middle schoolers of our parish community gather monthly to play hard and pray hard. This month we will play gaga ball in the youth room followed by the joyful mysteries of the rosary! We hope your 6th-8th grader can make it!

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.

9th-12th Grade Events and Programs

High School Youth Event

Wednesday, December 20 from 8:00 pm-9:30 pm

All students in 9th-12th grade are invited to our Advent/Christmas Party! We will have a wonderful time together playing games and eating Christmas snacks!

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.

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.

Capital Campaign

Dear St. John the Baptist parishioners and friends,

I grew up in a Catholic family attending Mass at Mary, Mother of the Church in Burnsville and attending grade school at St. John the Baptist in Savage. I fondly remember the friendships I made in grade school and the catechism I learned during my early development. We were not members of the school's parish and my family's weekly Mass participation at the very large parish of Mary, Mother of the Church felt disconnected.



When the first of our four children was ready for preschool, we decided we wanted Catholic education as a core element of their development. Living in district 621, we investigated St. John the Baptist and my initial reaction was the parish is too large for the tight knit community I was looking for. The school tour was a positive experience and we felt the benefits of the school outweighed my reaction to the size of the church, so we made the decision to enroll and start attending Mass at St. John's.

My concerns about St. John the Baptist parish evaporated quickly once we became members. Our relationships with school families and interactions with fellow parishioners quickly uncovered many opportunities to find tight-knit groups to grow in our faith. All of our children attended school through 8th grade, have worked as clerks or custodians at church and have been actively involved in youth groups and other ministries. St. John's does a fantastic job of meeting you where you are in your faith journey. We are challenged to find ways to continuously grow our faith and there are a multitude of opportunities to do so at St. John's. Our family's strength comes from the core values that we have developed with St. John the Baptist as a foundation.

We have decided to support the Restore to Gather campaign both financially and as committee chairs so we can make sure this is a welcoming place for families that come after us. We have had so many blessings in the 20 years we have been a part of this community, and we want others in the future to experience the same.



Mike and Beth Robertson
Restore to Gather General Chairs

More than 170 families have already joined Mike and Beth Robertson and made their pledge to the Restore to Gather campaign. These families, like the Robertsons, recognize that there is something special about St. John the Baptist and that it needs to be preserved, guaranteeing that any family who walks through our doors will experience the welcoming love of Jesus Christ. Our campaign goes beyond repairing broken windows and bathrooms. The Restore to Gather campaign is rooted in uniting us all in Christ, growing together in our faith and bringing the experience of Jesus to those who are seeking Him.

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. You may also contact Mary May, Director of Development, at 612-633-8333, ext. 1253, or email maym@stjohnnyb.org with questions.



Campaign Prayer

Heavenly Father, in Your great generosity you have blessed this parish to become a sacred place to gather and experience the transformative power of your love and mercy. You continue to call us to follow your Son as disciples who have a deep reliance on prayer, a willingness to grow, and a generous spirit. Through the witness of St. John the Baptist, inspire us by the Holy Spirit to follow His example of sacrifice that we may "Restore to Gather" as a community of faith for generations to come. Unite us together as one holy temple built as a dwelling place for you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen



Parish Life

*With prayers for God's abundant blessings
on your new life together.*

Congratulations!

Mark and Rachel Eiden
married on December 2, 2023



St. John's Newly Baptized

*Through water and the word you have become a child
of God and are sealed as Christ's own forever.*

Max Robert and Eloise Grace

Parents: Jeremiah Iacarella and Katherine Wertheim



Generous Spirit

Thank You from St. Vincent de Paul

How do you spell SUCCESS? By exceeding last years Sock and Underwear Drive totals...that's how! With your generous support this year, we were able to collect 4,356 items for the homeless of the Twin Cities. A very heartfelt THANK YOU to all who participated. God Bless

The St. Vincent de Paul Society

Job Openings at St. John's

- Youth Ministry Intern— Temporary
- Receptionist/Executive Assistant
- Middle School ELA and Religion Teacher
- Assistant Preschool Teachers
- Evening Custodian
- Kitchen Assistant in School

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/>

Christmas Flower Memorials

If you would like to remember those who have died, 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 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.

Donations will be accepted through Christmas.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

In Memory of / In Honor of: (circle one)

From: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ Ck # _____

date _____

St. John's Music at Mass Schedule

December 10, 2023

Men's Schola at 8:30 am

Contemporary Ensemble at 10:30 am

December 17, 2023

Ignite Group at 8:30 am, 10:30 am, and 5:30 pm

December 24, 2023

Cantor at 8:30 am and 10:30 am

St. John's Choir at 10:30 pm Christmas Night Mass

Incense at Mass



We will have incense at Mass on

- † **Sunday, December 17 at 10:30 am** for Gaudete Sunday.
- † **Sunday, December 24 at 10:30 pm** for the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
- † **Monday, December 25 at 10:30 am** for the Christmas Mass
- † **Sunday, December 31 at 10:30 am** for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Scripture Questions

First Reading: The prophet Isaiah offers comfort and hope to the Israelites who were captive in Babylon in proclaiming that the glory of the Lord is returning to Israel. Do you have family or friends who could use words of encouragement from you?

Second Reading: Peter speaks of being at peace while we wait for the promise of new heavens and a new earth when Christ returns. What gives you peace of mind these days?

Gospel Reading: Fulfilling the prophecies of Isaiah, John the Baptist proclaimed the arrival of Jesus, "one mightier than I...(who) will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." Where do you sense the Holy Spirit present in your life?

Readings For The Week

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

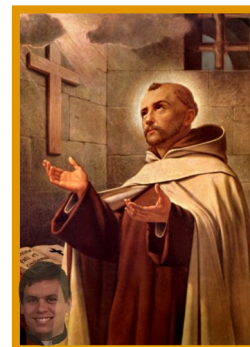
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

"Strive to preserve your heart in peace; let no event of this world disturb it."

~ Saint John of the Cross
(Feast Day December 14)



Please Pray For...

Those who have entered eternal life:

Ida Hoffman, Ted Labuza

Those who are ill:

Sadlovsky Family, Sheehan Family, Cameron Santos, Patricia Roy, Madi Rippy, Sydney Jo Rippy, Jesse McDonough, Daryl Stevens, Geraldine and Gloria Hangartner, Emily Dahl, Theresa People, Josephine Schmidt, 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, 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, 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, Larry Johnson, Shawn Oglesbee

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

Our Fascinating Faith

Our Lady of Guadalupe (Feast Day is December 12)

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, first appeared to Cuauhtlitzin (Juan Diego) on December 9, 1531 while he was on his way to a Eucharistic celebration in Tlatelolco, Mexico. The Virgin addressed him by his indigenous name, asking him to go to the palace of Archbishop Zumárraga to request that a shrine be erected there at the site of the apparition, in Tepeyac, so as to share her love and compassion for all believers. Juan Diego did so, but the archbishop did not believe him, demanding proof of his story and of the Lady's identity. He returned to Our Lady daily, and on December 12, he conveyed to her the archbishop's request for proof. She showed him Castilian roses blooming there through the stony ground despite the winter's cold. He picked the flowers and carried them in his tilma (mantle) to the archbishop. When he unfolded his tilma to present the roses, Mary's image was imprinted on the mantle! Her blue sash and the flower over her womb were traditional Aztec symbols of pregnancy and new life. But her features were those of a mestiza, indicating mixed Aztec-European heritage. Thus Our Lady of Guadalupe remains the enduring icon of unity-in-diversity, the fruit of our one baptism into Jesus, her Son.



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Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question: The Bible says that Jesus condemned gambling, but I notice that so many parishes have them at festivals and other events. What's correct?

Answer: Although Jesus speaks of our relationship with material wealth and the very human struggle with greed, the gospels do not include any specific instructions related to gambling. At the same time, the Church is very sensitive to the needs of those who might struggle with an addiction to gambling, and pastoral care should always be offered to those who struggle with this reality in their life. While it is true that many parish or school communities include gambling or games of chance in festivals and fundraisers (e.g. bingo, roulette, ring tossing, dunking booths, etc.), there is nothing inherently wrong these sorts of events, given they are played fairly and within the limits of reason are not morally objectionable. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us: "Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others" (no. 2413). As in all things, moderation and a sense of healthy limits should be applied to gambling and games of chance. For those who find themselves living with addiction to gambling, help is available in various 12-step and addiction recovery programs.

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