

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



"A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light."
~ John 1:6-8

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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.

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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 18, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass (Sharon Rasmussen+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Church
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

7:00 AM Confessions (Extended for Advent) ~ Confessionals
 8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
 8:30 AM Mass (Loretta Witkowski+) 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 D-Groups ~ LL 106
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass (Fr. Michael Kennelly S.J.+) Church ~ Fr. Paul
 9:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks ~ St. Therese
 9:30 AM Faithfully Fit ~ 210
 9:30 AM Fall Scripture Study ~ 206/208
 3:00 PM Confessions (Extended for Advent) ~ Confessionals
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook
 5:30 PM Mass (Katrina Sparks+) Chapel of the Angels ~ Fr. Joseph
 6:00 PM Family Formation Catechist Training ~ 210
 6:00 PM Middle School Faith Formation ~ LL 106
 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting ~ 211
 8:00 PM High School Youth Group Advent Party ~ LL 106

Thursday, December 21, 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 (Donna Swanson+ and Jim Witkowski+) Church ~ Fr. Paul
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook

Friday, December 22, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass (Barbara Handzel+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 9:30 AM Legion of Mary ~ 211
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook
 5:00 PM Altar Guild ~ Church

Saturday, December 23, 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 (Pro Populo) Church ~ Fr. Paul

Sunday, December 24, 2023

8:30 AM Mass (John and Katherine Macnowski+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 10:30 AM Mass (Richard and Dale Dufault+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 12:00 PM Baptism ~ Church
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook
 4:00 PM Christmas Mass (Pro Populo) ~ Fr. Paul
 6:00 PM Christmas Mass (The living and deceased members of the Hayes family) ~ Fr. Joseph
 10:30 PM Christmas Mass (Jeanene and William Otto+) ~ Fr. Paul

Monday, December 25, 2023

Christmas Day

8:30 AM Christmas Mass (Maria Trinh + and Joseph Nguyen+) ~ Fr. Joseph
 10:30 AM Christmas Mass (Larry Wasik+) ~ Fr. Paul



From the Parochial Vicar: Father Joseph Nguyễn

Gaudete Sunday

Gaudete Sunday means “Rejoice Sunday” because we are halfway through the season of Advent. However, since this Advent is only three weeks long, we are two-thirds of the way through the season of preparation.

This Sunday we have our Communal Penance Service, to help us through the season of Advent. We know the mission God has for us is to be holy men and women, but we still struggle with our human brokenness which turns us away from being fully committed to Jesus and our vocation. Praise be to the Lord for giving us the sacrament for Reconciliation to bring us back and give us another chance to recommit our life to Him.

One of the great joys about being a priest is being able to celebrate the sacrament of Confession. As priests we are not interested in hearing what people have done, rather we rejoice in seeing a person with the desire to come back to God and to rededicate themselves to Him. I have experienced that gladness from both sides of the screen. From being the confessor who rejoices with the one who makes the return, and as the penitent who rejoices that God has extended His mercy towards me.

One of my favorite quotes from the late Fr. Jeff Huard is, “sin is dull, love is beautiful.” Which is to say sin is not that interesting—we more or less fall into the same sins over and over again so it is dull. Rather, when we see love, and all the many ways it expresses itself we are always drawn to its beauty.

As we go continue to the end of Advent, may we go in with hearts renewed in love and dedication to Jesus. He is coming and we want to prepare not just a manger to lay Him, but a soul that has been decorated beautifully in which He can rest in.

In Christ,

Fr. Joseph Nguyễn

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

I am 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 me at frnguyen@stjohnnyb.org with your child's name and grade.

I am also looking for parents who are available to help out with practice. I 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 me 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. I am looking forward to working with the children to use their gifts to glorify God and lead our community in prayer!



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

(No Confessions on December 24)

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)



Sunday School

This Sunday, Sunday School will be performing their Christmas program during hospitality after the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, December 17. All are welcome to attend and enjoy!



Sung Lauds (Morning Prayer)

Please join us on December 19 at 9:00 am in the Chapel of the Angels for our last time of Sung Morning Prayer this Advent.

Young Adult Christmas Party

Anyone ages 18-35 is invited to attend our young adult Christmas party on December 30 at 6:00 pm at a parishioner's home. There will be a white elephant gift exchange and a sweet swap as well as dinner and social time.



White Elephant

Bring a wrapped gift,
Less than \$10 to give
away in a dice game.
You will receive a gift
from the game.

Please RSVP using the QR code in the graphic and the address (Lino Lakes) will be provided in an email close to the day of the event.

Hope to see many of you on the 30th!



St. John's Music at Mass Schedule

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

Happening at St. John's

Intercessory Prayer Ministry

We often need prayer for family, faith, health, work, relationships, and other challenges in life. St. John the Baptist's **Intercessory Prayer Ministry (IPM)** teams provide monthly individual prayer ministry one weekend a month after the scheduled Mass times below. All is totally confidential.

Our next **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**.

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 through the first season of *The Chosen*, then discussing it with a 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 as we prepare for the start of Advent.

Next meeting: Sunday, December 17 at 4:00 pm
in Room 211

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

**No Hospitality after Masses on
December 23, 24, and 25**

JOURNEY TO THE INN

with the Wise Men

Saturday, January 6, 2024

4:30 pm Mass

5:30 pm Dinner by Knights of Columbus

Mostaccioli, salad and bread

GF and vegetarian options available

Pay at the door

\$7/person

\$30/family (*kids plus 2 adults only*)

6:15 pm Bible reading and songs

in the Church

Candlelight procession

Christmas carols following Wise Men

Live animals at the stable

Hot cocoa and cookies - St. Joe's Hall



"Better that only a few Catholics should be left, staunch and sincere in their religion, than that they should, remaining many, desire as it were, to be in collusion with the Church's enemies and in conformity with the open foes of our faith."

~ Saint Peter Canisius
Priest and Doctor of the Church
(Feast Day December 21)



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 26

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.

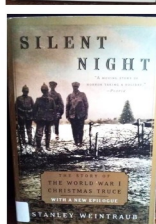
Parish Library News

Wars in Ukraine and Israel/Gaza, and potential threats from China, Iran, North Korea, and Russia threaten worldwide joy and peace of the Christmas season this year.

Yet, during World War I **a miracle happened in the midst of war.** On Christmas Eve, 1914, Scottish, French, and German troops declared a truce for one night to celebrate Christmas together. Even though enemies, they laid down their weapons for one night to forget the brutalities of war, and banded together to celebrate the peace, joy, and light of the birth of Jesus. Check out the DVD - **Joyeux Noel**, or the book - **Silent Night**, about this **true Christmas Miracle.**

Books, DVDs, and CDs to enrich your faith.

St. John the Baptist Parish Library



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Youth Ministry

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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.

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.



Capital Campaign

Dear St. John the Baptist parishioners and friends,

God's house and school are the center pieces of our St. John the Baptist community. It is here, on this campus that we gather for spiritual nourishment. St. John the Baptist is a fun and energetic parish, filled with great people. We are a faith-centered community focused on renewing and encouraging each other on our faith-filled journey. We are blessed to have a pre-k through 8th grade school, where our students worship together and develop virtues of joy, respect, and responsibility.



When Fr. Paul asked Barb and I to help lead the Restore to Gather campaign, we said yes because we believe it is important to give back to the faith community, of St. John the Baptist, which has given both of us so much. We love this parish and believe it is our responsibility to ensure that it is a safe, secure, and healthy campus. At St. John the Baptist, we are a faith community that works together in all aspects of our faith journey. We need your prayers, financial support and cooperation to engage this campaign to its fullest and to reach our goals. We ask you to say "yes!" and make your pledge to the Restore to Gather capital campaign,



Greg and Barb Beyer
Restore to Gather General Chairs

Acts 4:32-34

"Now the company of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things which he possessed was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not any one needy among them, for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet."

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.



Parish Life

Father Paul Paper Doll

"My son loved coloring his Father Paul paper doll Mass clothes and he plays with the Mass set every morning when we read the daily readings together!"



Matt Birk at Catholic Watchmen

It was such a blessing having Matt Birk as our speaker for our December Catholic Watchmen. He shared about his faith and football stories and then the evening was capped with Adoration and Confession.



8th Grade Washington D.C. Pizza Fundraiser

Orders accepted now through January 11

Order online at stjohnnb.com

Pizza order pick-up in St. Paul Plaza – Sunday, January 28
from 11:30 am – 12:00 pm.



Meals on Wheels

One of the long-time ministries at St. John's is the Meals on Wheels (MOW) program. A cadre of volunteers are responsible for delivering nutritious food on a pre-arranged schedule to homebound individuals. According to our drivers, the work is rewarding. Tom Milner started as a MOW volunteer about two years ago. Tom said, "Many of the individuals find it difficult to get out, and they are appreciative of having someone bring them a hot meal or a bag of groceries. Some look forward to having someone stop over and not only bring a meal but spend a few minutes talking with them, as their days can be very lonely."

We appreciate finding new people who might be interested in this ministry. If this appeals to you, please contact the St. John's Meals on Wheels coordinator, Marian Briggs at mari-an.briggs9@gmail.com

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 year, our parish has sent several 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.

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 _____

Are you in Need of a Prayer Quilt?

The SJB Quilting Ministry is an outreach ministry that combines the gift of prayer with the gift of a hand-tied quilt. The group has several quilts that have been blessed and are ready to distribute.

If you are a parishioner and would like to request a prayer quilt for someone you know, please contact Mary Kohlhaas at 651-633-8333 ext. 1229 or at kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org.

Job Openings at St. John's

- Youth Ministry Intern— Temporary
- 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/>

Scripture Questions

First Reading: Isaiah rejoices over God's call in his life and the promise of restoration for all nations. As we continue in the season of Advent, what has brought some joy to you or your family?

Second Reading: Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be people of prayer and joy, open to the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Is there anything recently that has brought you joy?

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Why do we believe in Jesus and the Catholic Church? Why should we continue to do so? We've never seen him face-to-face (at least not most of us, I assume). Most of us have never had mystical visions of angels or saints. We live in the same world as our atheist and secularists friends. Why do we believe in Christ if we've never seen him? The simple, symbolic answer the Gospel presents to us this week might surprise us: we believe because of John the Baptist. Early in John's Gospel we hear: "There was a man sent from God, his name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him." The Baptist powerfully announces Jesus. This is a historical fact, and it is also now a pattern at work in our lives. John the Baptist stands for the entirety of the old covenant, everything entrusted to the Jewish people. And yet he prophetically opens the door to something entirely new in Jesus, to the revival and fulfillment of God's promises. In every generation, and in every human life, God continues to do this. He has done it through people named Augustine, Francis, Catherine, Theresa, and countless others. In my life, the Baptist's spirit has come through persons named Eric, Paul, Mary, and Ron. I challenge you to name at least three people through whom God has announced the coming of Jesus in your life. Consciously thank God for their testimony. And let's commit ourselves to listening to the spirit of John the Baptist testify again this week so that we might more strongly believe in the light.

— Father John Muir

Readings For The Week

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

Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/
Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab,
16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3,
11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/
Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and
14/Lk 1:57-66

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3,
4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

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



Please Pray For...

Those who have entered eternal life:

Emil "Bud" Schmuck, Joseph Pritchett

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

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!

I am so thankful for you! With the season of Thanksgiving, I have been reflecting on all the blessings The Lord has given in my life. I know I say this often, but truly I am grateful for the gift of your friendship in my life! Since the beginning, the Lord knew we would cross paths in a big or small way, and I rejoice in that fact. Thank you for your continued faithfulness to being on mission with me. Without your prayers and support, this mission wouldn't be possible. 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!

As we near the end of the semester, I am in awe of how quickly it has gone by! But The Lord has done so much in a small amount of time, and He continues to work and surprise me! One of the students who attended our Hispanic night last month, Mila, has been open to friendship and growing in her faith as I've invested in her this month. She was raised Catholic, but is not currently practicing any faith. She shared that she attended the Hispanic night + mass because she saw a flyer for it at the Student Union and felt a call to attend—even though she hadn't been to Church since she was in the 7th grade. She is now thinking about attending our spring break mission trip!

There are more students like Mila that we've continued investing in on campus and inviting into friendship. Thank you for making this possible! 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. May The Lord continue to bless you and your family, especially as we enter into the season of Advent! Thank you for your friendship and for being on mission with me!

Prayer Requests

- † Pray for students as they begin preparing for finals that they may be rooted in their identity and worth in Christ.
- † Pray that students may find Christ's peace and rest at the Newman Center in the midst of the busyness of the end of the semester.
- † Pray for our continued invitations to students to live an active prayer life that can spill over into mission on campus.
- † Continued prayers for my teammates, Ignacio, Ellie, Natasha, and Cody, and for our Pastor, Fr. Porter. May we have zeal and joy on mission as we near the end of the semester!

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Hour of Mercy is a homeless ministry that meets each Friday to serve the poor in downtown Tulsa. This group is made up of students from The University of Tulsa and Oklahoma State University. This is a beautiful opportunity for students to give back and serve Christ in the less fortunate! To celebrate the season of Thanksgiving, we hosted a potluck meal that we served to the poor along one of the streets that we frequent with this ministry (*pictured*). The students not only provided food, but also joyful friendship and a loving smile to those we encounter. Those who stopped by were so thankful and we served until the food was gone! Please pray for continued generosity from the students in this ministry.



God bless and thank you,

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