

**January 21, 2024**  
**3rd Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time**

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



"Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him."

~ Mark 1:17-18

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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. Children play with caring staff while you are able to fully participate in Mass.

**St. John's Library Hours:** Open after every weekend Mass

### 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](mailto:sjb@stjohnnyb.org)

Visit our website: [www.stjohnnb.com](http://www.stjohnnb.com)

Archdiocese's Victim/Survivor Assistance Program

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

## Schedule of Events

### Monday, January 22, 2024

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
 8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels  
 8:30 AM Mass (Danielle Spencer) ~ Fr. Joseph  
 9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Church  
 9:45 AM March for Life Bus Leaves ~ Parking Lot  
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook  
 6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal ~ LL 101

### Tuesday, January 23, 2024

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
 8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels  
 8:30 AM Mass (John and Katherine Macnowski+) Church ~ Fr. Paul  
 9:00 AM Kidz Closet ~ 203  
 9:30 AM Alive in the World ~ 210  
 1:00 PM Quilters Ministry ~ 203  
 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, January 24, 2024

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels  
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
 8:30 AM Mass (Sylvia Steffl+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph  
 9:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks ~ St. Therese  
 9:30 AM Faithfully Fit ~ 210  
 9:30 AM Winter Scripture Study ~ 206/208  
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook  
 4:00 PM Cemetery Committee Meeting ~ 204  
 5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
 5:30 PM Mass (Theodore Labuza+) 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, January 25, 2024

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 (Cliff Nimis+) Church ~ Fr. Paul  
 9:15 AM Circle of Women ~ 206/208  
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook  
 7:00 PM OCIA Class ~ 206/208

### Friday, January 26, 2024

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels  
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
 8:30 AM Mass (Brian Moe+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph  
 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

### Saturday, January 27, 2024

9:00 AM First Reconciliation Celebration ~ Church  
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook  
 3:15 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
 4:30 PM Vigil Mass (Elaine Villafana+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph  
 5:30 PM Hospitality ~ St. Joseph Hall

### Sunday, January 28, 2024

#### Catholic School's Week Kickoff at the 10:30 am Mass

8:30 AM Mass (Pro Populo) Church ~ Fr. Paul  
 8:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery  
 8:30 AM Sunday School ~ School Classrooms  
 9:00 AM Knights of Columbus Waffle Breakfast ~ St. Joseph Hall  
 10:30 AM Mass (Jim Verbrugge+ & Dorothy Vranicar+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph  
 10:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery  
 10:30 AM Sunday School ~ School Classrooms  
 11:30 AM Catholic School's Week Open House ~ School  
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook  
 4:00 PM Young Adult Men's Bible Study ~ 211  
 4:30 PM RCIC ~ 210  
 5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
 5:30 PM Mass (Mike Jann+) ~ Fr. Joseph  
 6:30 PM Confirmation Preparation ~ St. Joseph Hall



## **Following Jesus Christ**

In our Gospel this weekend as well as last weekend, we see the Apostles respond to the Lord's invitation to follow Him. They are invited to make a commitment to live in the kingdom of Christ, that is to follow the Lord and trust in His plan. We celebrated a few weeks ago the birth of our Lord. We then celebrated the Feast of the Holy Family and witnessed that Jesus desires to live and work here in our parish family. Two weeks ago, we reflected on the Divinity of Christ as revealed on the Feast of the Epiphany. God is truly in our midst! For the second week in a row, the Lord is calling His apostles to follow Him. Do you think the Lord is trying to tell us something? We are being drawn in to commit to Christ! We desire to live in His kingdom and further His kingdom. (The beautiful thing is that I did not choose this weekend to be the Restore to Gather Campaign commitment weekend based off the readings, but rather it was the right timing for the campaign cycle, but clearly the Lord brought the timing to line up with what He is telling us through His word!)

At this time in the 122nd year of our parish, the Lord is calling us to follow up by restoring our campus so that we can further His kingdom. Just this past week we celebrated the 4th and 5th funerals of the year at SJB, bringing comfort to the families and praying our departed brothers and sisters into Heaven. We have served many local residents through our food shelf already this year. We helped four families have the necessary supplies for their infants and children through our Kidz Closet this past week. We continue to assist over 600 children and youth to encounter the Lord's love and follow Him through our school and faith formation programs. We have celebrated the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick with twelve individuals in need of healing. Christ is meeting, loving, healing, guiding, and strengthening those who come through our doors here at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and School. It is a joy and honor to be part of His work at this time. I invite you to join me in committing to following the Lord through our Restore to Gather Capital Campaign for St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and School. With your support, we can restore our campus and further Christ's kingdom.

Jesus not only called Peter, Andrew, James and John to follow Him, but He also calls you and me. May we respond with a resounding, "Yes!" knowing that the Lord is working through each one of us here. He worked through the Apostles and He is working through you to reveal the Father's love and Truth to our world, which so clearly needs it.

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

*Father Paul Shovelain*

## Happening at St. John's



### Rally for Life!

**What:** Join thousands for the MN March for Life

**When:** January 22

**Where:** Bus from St. John's to the St. Paul Cathedral and then over to the MN State Capital (Bus leaves SJB at 9:45 am)

Will you make a stand for Life?!

Sponsored by St. John's Respect Life group and St. John's Knights of Columbus.

### 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. It is all totally confidential.

Our next **Intercessory Prayer Ministry** will be:

**Saturday, January 20**, after the 4:30 Mass  
**Sunday, January 21**, after the 8:30 Mass and  
**Sunday, January 21**, 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*



**Knights of Columbus**  
Council #14250

## WAFFLE BREAKFAST

Join us on January 28  
9:00 am - 12:30 pm

**All you can eat:** waffles, sausages, regular and sugar-free syrup, fruit for the waffles, orange juice, coffee, milk, and water. A gluten-free option is available on request. Come and enjoy some breakfast and some fellowship, and support the Knights!

### Circle of Women

**Thursday, January 25**, upstairs in Room 206/208  
at 9:15 am-11:30 am

We welcome women of all ages to our gathering on Thursday, January 25, 2024. We welcome our own pastor, Father Paul, who will present "St. Paul: Model for Gathering." 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!

### Men's Fellowship

**Thursday Mornings 6:30 am—8:00 am**  
in St. Joseph Hall

*Lectio: Eucharist – Discovering the Mass in the Bible  
DVD Series by Dr. Brant Pitre*

Acclaimed author and teacher Dr. Brant Pitre digs down to the biblical roots of the Eucharist, through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Apostolic teaching. "The Lamb of God," "The Bread of Life," "The Body and the Blood of Christ"... these are phrases we know from the Mass. But do we understand what they mean in the greater and deeper context of Scripture and Church teaching? We'll discover first hand how Christ's Body and Blood are an integral and wondrous part of God's plan for our salvation.

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

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Ice Fishing with Father Tournament



**When:** February 17, 2024  
11 am-2 pm

**Where:** Long Lake Beach

**Who:** 75 parishioners and friends of SJB!

Register by scanning the QR code  
or on our parish website: [stjohnnb.com](http://stjohnnb.com)





## Happening at St. John's

### Wines to Wishes

Wines to Wishes is St. John the Baptist School's premiere event that funds critical needs and upgrades of the school as well as celebrates over 70 years of faith-filled excellence in education. Save the date for Saturday, February 3, 2024!

Funds from this year's event will go towards middle school lockers as well as laptop upgrades for our teachers and staff. Money raised above and beyond our fund-a-need goal will go to our tuition endowment fund.



A big part of our event is our silent and live auction, and for these to be successful, we need donations! If you are able and interested in donating, we have a few different options, which can be found on the donations page of our Wines to Wishes website. We are also looking for donations of wine (valued at \$10 or more per bottle), which can be dropped off in the school office.

To learn more about our event, donations, and/or sponsorships or to register to attend, please visit our website: [www.winestowishes.com](http://www.winestowishes.com). Thank you in advance for your generosity!

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Barsness at [barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org).

### Quilters Ministry

Meeting next: January 23

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. **New members are always welcome.**



### Faithfully Fit

Come join fellow St. John parishioners for a gentle exercise program (includes warm-up, stretching, weights, mild aerobic and balance exercises), held on **Wednesdays at 9:30 am in Room 210.**

Exercise is followed by a devotion, health education tip, and fellowship. Grab those tennis shoes and let's start the new year with Faithfully Fit!

We are a fun group of SJB parishioners who enjoy quality fellowship time together; strengthening our relationship with Christ, while also strengthening our physical bodies at the same time.

*Hope to see you next Wednesday!*

### Young at Heart (Field Trip!)

Christmas can't be over so soon!! How about we stretch it just a little bit longer and go see the Christmas Diorama in Edina?! Yep, there is a 20-foot diameter circular display of the Holy Land at the time of Jesus' birth and it features over 650 figures of Fontanini Nativity Set fame. The display is the combined efforts of Fr. Allen Kuss and artist Donald Keller. Fr. Kuss collected figurines for 44 years and then met Donald Keller, Illustrator and Designer to create the beautiful setting for the figures.



**Young At Heart** (Seniors of all ages) – we are taking the trip to see the display. We are scheduled to go on **Saturday, February 10** to St. Patrick's Church in Edina. We will **leave from SJB at noon** and return around 3:00 pm. **No cost except for transportation** – so let's fill a bus! **Sign up** to go by contacting Mary Kohlhaas at [kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org) or 651.633.8333 x1229 or 763.242.4229, all roads lead to a sign up! C'mon, Christmas can be celebrated all year long – and the Birthday Boy, Jesus, NEVER goes out of style – so grab your spouse, friends, neighbor, siblings, grandkids...and sign up!

### Cana Dinner

FEBRUARY 17, 2024

Married and engaged couples, join us for a romantic evening to celebrate marriage on February 17.

Happy Hour begins at 5:30 pm followed by a candlelit dinner, a witness talk from Steve and Christy Broszko and recall your marriage vows. The evening concludes at 9:00 pm.

**\$65/couple:** Includes a catered dinner of your choice of pork tenderloin or walleye. Registration opens soon!

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Cana Dinner as well. If interested or if you have questions please contact Jim Martin by email at [martinj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:martinj@stjohnnyb.org) or by phone at 651-633-8333 ext. 1228.



*A Campaign for Saint John the Baptist  
Catholic Church and School*

There are only 2 short weeks left of our active appeal phase of the *Restore to Gather* campaign. This weekend, Commitment Weekend, marks the “home stretch” of our 3-month public effort to raise \$5 million for our church and school. We are so close! We have surpassed \$4 million and there is still time to take advantage of the Matching Gift Challenge! It is incredible to see how the Lord has worked and continues to work in our community when we respond to Him with generosity!

Just because we are approaching the end of this phase of our campaign, does not mean our job is done. We will provide regular updates on our campaign projects as construction begins, and we will also rely on the fulfillment of the many generous pledges we have received to support our repairs and campus improvements. Most importantly, this special fundraising effort is more than fixing bathrooms and refreshing ceilings; it is about restoring and building hope for our future as a Catholic community!

As we continue the *Restore to Gather* campaign over the next 3 years, we hope you will prayerfully consider making a commitment if you have not done so already. Every gift counts, and no gift is too small! For those that have already made a commitment, we sincerely appreciate your support and ask for your ongoing prayers for the success of our efforts.

You can scan the QR code or go to our parish website ([stjohnnb.com](https://stjohnnb.com)) 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 651-633-8333, ext. 1253, or email [maym@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:maym@stjohnnyb.org) with questions.



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Youth Ministry

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

## Extreme Faith Camp

**When:** July 29-August 2, 2024

**Where:** Trinity Woods Camps in Trego, Wisconsin (formerly Heartwood Resort)

**Who:** Our parish community! Current 5th-8th graders attend as campers. Current 9th-12th graders attend as leaders. Adults participate as leaders and chaperones.

**What:** High adventure activities, lake time, Mass, prayer experiences, messages of God's love and so much more!

**Cost for Middle School Campers:**

- Before Feb 1 - \$525
- Before Mar 1 - \$550
- Before April 1 - \$575
- Before May 1 - \$600
- Before July 1 - \$625



Register your Middle School camper online by scanning the QR or by going to <https://stjohnnb.com/faith-formation/registrations/>.

## 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.

## 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.

## Questions of the Week

**First Reading:** The people of Nineveh (the capital city of the Assyrian Empire and historic enemy of Israel) repented of their sins when they heard Jonah's warning of God's impending destruction of their city. What motivates you to repent?

**Second Reading:** Paul encouraged the believers in Corinth to live with a sense of urgency and in a radically different way than before coming to faith in Jesus. In what way are you living counterculturally as a person of faith?

**Gospel Reading:** This Sunday we hear the first words of Jesus in Mark's account of the call of the first disciples: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." Jesus taught that the time had come for God to come and reclaim His world. What excites you about this message?

## Stay Alert!

For your safety and awareness, please lock your car in our parking lot and keep valuables out of sight.

### From A(ngels) to Z(ephaniah) And everything in between!



**Come up the ramp and see what we have in the Library on 68 different topics!**

Here are a few of the topics:

+Angels +Eucharistic Adoration  
+Jesus +Mary +The Mass  
+Pilgrimages/Shrines  
+Prayer and Devotions +Saints

Deepen your devotion and Catholic faith with a visit to the Library.

**Books, DVDs, and CDs to enrich your faith.**

**St. John the Baptist Parish Library**



## Readings For The Week

**Sunday:** Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/  
1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

**Monday:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/  
Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/  
Mk 3:31-35

**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/  
Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/  
Mk 16:15-18

**Friday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a,  
10/Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15,  
16-17/ Mk 4:35-41

**Next Sunday:** Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/  
1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

## St. John's Music at Mass Schedule

**Saturday, January 20, 2024**

Cantor and Organ at 4:30 pm Mass

**Sunday, January 21, 2024**

Men's Schola at 8:30 am Mass

Contemporary Ensemble at 10:30 am Mass

**Saturday, January 27, 2024**

Cantor and Organ at 4:30 pm Mass

**Sunday, January 28, 2024**

Adult Choir at 8:30 am Mass

Cantor and Organ at 10:30 am Mass

Ignite Group at 5:30 pm Mass

## Please Pray For...

**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, Mary Battmer, Marilyn Ward, John Klingler, Sarajo Groehler, Joan Cossack, Scott Nugent, Margot Favre, Larry Johnson, Shawn Oglesbee, Jaeden Nguyen, MaryAnne Marshik, Ethan Smith, Steve Lauinger, Stephanie Pommier, Lorene MacLean

*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



### St. John's Respect Life

We are a group of men and women who have been faithfully meeting for over 40 years at St. John's. In a society that glorifies violence, we reject its solutions to problem pregnancies and terminal illness. In a humane, civilized society, we believe that caring for and helping expectant mothers is a non-violent option to abortion, as hospice is a caring option to euthanasia.

#### Our Mission

By our prayers and works, we strive to open hearts and minds to the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. Our particular focus is to work to eliminate abortion and euthanasia.

#### Volunteer Opportunities

St. John's Maternity/Baby Closet  
Mother's Day Corsage Project  
Fall Fest Culver's Custard Stand  
Baby Bush – each June  
Archdiocese January "March for Life"  
Educating parish youth on Respect Life Issues  
40 Days for Life prayer service (October)  
Support Prolife Pregnancy Centers

**Meetings** - We meet on the 4th Tuesday of most months at 6:30 pm. Please join us next on January 23.

Please pray daily for our leaders in Church and government. And keep the Supreme Court Justices in your prayers as they deal with important issues of life, family and liberty. Pray for them by name:

- Chief Justice John Roberts
- Justice Clarence Thomas
- Justice Stephen Breyer
- Justice Samuel Alito
- Justice Sonia Sotomayor
- Justice Elena Kagan
- Justice Neil Gorsuch
- Justice Brett Kavanaugh
- Justice Amy Coney Barrett

### "A great Christmas blessing and gift" -- A Baby Saved!

December 21 - Volunteer sidewalk counselor Kay K. gave literature to a middle-aged woman as she was driving into the Whole Woman's abortion mill in Bloomington, Minn. and told her to give it to the young woman huddled up in the passenger seat. They may have seen the pro-life sign Kay had placed along the street as they approached Whole Woman's. The driver (maybe the young woman's mother?) said she was happy Kay was there and that she was doing a good thing, which left Kay confused as to what was going on, although it appeared they were there for an abortion.

Because the roof of the building that houses Whole Woman's is being replaced, the area of the parking lot closest to the door was filled with construction materials and construction workers' vehicles, so the abortion clients had to park further away from the door which gave me more time to call out to them as they walked across the parking lot. I told them we had free help for pregnant women and encouraged them to look at the ultrasound and listen to the baby's heartbeat. I might also have told them that every Christmas they will think about this missing child (as I often call out at this time of year). About an hour later, they came out and stopped to talk to Kay as they left. Now the young woman was sitting straight up and smiling. Kay asked if they had been there for an abortion and the driver said, "Yes, but she canceled the appointment!" She again said she was happy Kay was there. Kay gave them a handmade baby sweater and cap, confirmed that they still had the literature, and encouraged them to call one of the pregnancy resource centers listed if they needed any help. Soon after they drove away, the second shift of sidewalk counselors came and they were very encouraged by this story. "It was a great Christmas blessing and gift to all of us!" said Kay.

by Debra Braun, Education Director,  
in the Prolife Action Ministry Newsletter

**St. John the Baptist!**

# Nursing Room

Need a quiet, private space to nurse your little one during Mass? This space is for you! It's located behind the Garden of Life Chapel and is equipped with a privacy wall, 2 cozy chairs, and a changing table.

*"I am not thinking of reward. I am working for God and do so cheerfully."*

~ Saint Marianne Cope  
(Feast Day January 23)





## Parish Life



Father Joseph presented at our January Catholic Watchmen on January 9



Father Paul with his nephews and niece after saying Mass at St. Apollinaris Church in Napa, CA on January 10.

His nephews attend school there as well.



St. John's Quilters Ministry Group making quilts on January 9





## Around the Archdiocese

### WORLD DAY *of the* SICK 2024

**Archbishop Hebda will preside**  
on the eve day of the Feast of

*Our Lady of Lourdes.*

All are invited to attend a special Mass dedicated to the sick, caregivers, chaplains & healthcare workers. A light reception will follow with Lourdes Holy Water blessings.

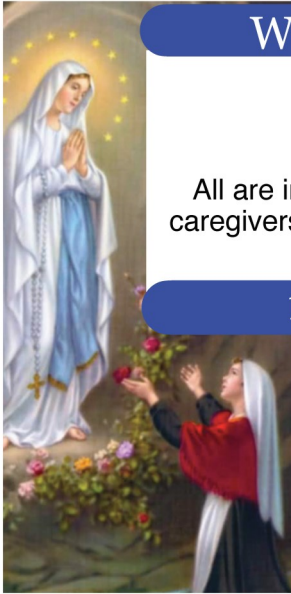
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### March for Life

Monday, January 22, noon - 1:00 pm, Minnesota State Capitol, St. Paul

As abortions increase and lawmakers enact extreme pro-abortion laws, help show elected officials and the public the precious value of every human life.

The event will feature an unforgettable visual commemoration of lives lost. Learn more and get involved at [mcccl.org/march](https://mcccl.org/march).

### Known by God

All mothers grieving the loss of an unborn baby through miscarriage or stillbirth are invited to the 4th annual Known By God unborn child loss retreat. The retreat includes small group sharing, discussion, large group talks on spiritual growth in grief, personal prayer time, lunch, shared resources, and more.

**What:** Known By God: A Retreat for Mothers Grieving the Loss of an Unborn Baby

**When:** Saturday, February 10, 9:00—3:00 pm

**Where:** Cathedral of Saint Paul, Saint Paul

**Who:** Mothers of any age who have lost a child due to stillbirth or miscarriage are invited to attend.

**Registration:** Follow this link to register: <https://www.cathedralsaintpaul.org/events-news>

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We meet on the fourth Sunday of the month (except December) from 6:00—8:00 pm hosted at Church of St. Matthew 510 Hall Avenue, St. Paul:

- September 24 – Bingo Night
- October 22 – Celebrating the Saints
- November 26 – Thanksgiving Pie Contest
- January 28 – Bible Trivia
- February 25 – Reflections for Lent
- March 24 – Prepare the Way
- April 28 – Celebrate the Resurrection
- May 26 – Month of Mary

Please invite friends and bring a caregiver as needed. GAB is currently seeking volunteers and mentors assist in facilitating our events. If you, or someone you know, are a young adult with a heart to serve others please contact Megan at [giftedandbelonging@gmail.com](mailto:giftedandbelonging@gmail.com).

### The Laboure Society

Help Rescue Vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life! God is still calling young people to religious vocations and many are eager to respond! Yet some are blocked from entrance by student loan debt. The Laboure Society, named after St. Catherine Laboure of the Miraculous Medal, helps solve this problem. Learn more at [RescueVocations.org](https://RescueVocations.org).

The bulletin deadline is noon on Thursday, 10 days before the Sunday publication date. Space is limited, so edits may happen. Send requests to: [huebli@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:huebli@stjohnnyb.org).



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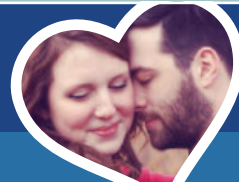
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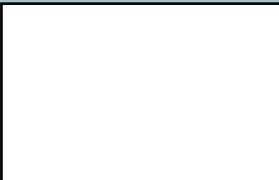
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