

February 4, 2024
5th 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



Small Groups at SJB



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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

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, February 5, 2024

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
 8:30 AM Mass (Clarence Wilkus) ~ Fr. Paul
 9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Church
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook
 7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal ~ LL 101
 7:00 PM Baptism Preparation Class ~ 206/208

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
 8:30 AM Mass (Art Thompson+) Church ~ Fr. Paul
 9:00 AM Kidz Closet ~ 203
 9:30 AM Alive in the World ~ 210
 1:00 PM Caregivers Support Group ~ 204
 2:30 PM Middle School D-Groups ~ LL 106
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook
 5:30 PM Arts and Environment Committee ~ 204
 6:30 PM Catholic Watchmen ~ St. Joseph Hall
 7:00 PM Intercessory Prayer Ministry ~ 211
 7:00 PM SVDP Meeting ~ 210

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass (Darwin Larson+) Church ~ Fr. Paul
 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
 5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 5:30 PM Mass (Marlene and Dan Reid) Chapel of the Angels ~ Fr. Joseph
 6:00 PM Family Formation ~ St. Joseph Hall
 6:00 PM Middle School Faith Formation ~ LL 106
 8:00 PM High School D-Groups ~ LL 106

Thursday, February 8, 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 (Gus & Kendra Spencer) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook
 6:00 PM Growing through Loss ~ 204
 7:00 PM OCIA Class ~ 206/208

Friday, February 9, 2024

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass (Patricia Kauffman+) 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
 5:00 PM K of C Fish Fry ~ St. Joseph Hall

Saturday, February 10, 2024

3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook
 3:15 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 4:30 PM Vigil Mass (Barbara Handzel+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 5:30 PM Hospitality ~ St. Joseph Hall
 5:30 PM New Parishioner Orientation ~ St. Joseph Hall West

Sunday, February 11, 2024

8:30 AM Mass (Pro Populo) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 8:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery
 8:30 AM Sunday School ~ School Classrooms
 9:30 AM New Parishioner Orientation ~ St. Joseph Hall West
 10:30 AM Mass (Jim Verbrugge+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 10:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery
 10:30 AM Sunday School ~ School Classrooms
 11:30 AM New Parishioner Orientation ~ St. Joseph Hall West
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook
 4:00 PM Young Adult Men's Bible Study ~ 211
 5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 5:30 PM Mass (Theodore Labuza+) ~ Fr. Joseph
 6:30 PM Confirmation Preparation ~ St. Joseph Hall



Lenten Small Groups!

If you're like me, you might still be finding some Christmas decor around the house to put away; but in this liturgical year, Lent begins in just 2 weeks! The Lenten season always offers us an opportunity to slow down, make room to hear the Lord's voice, and intentionally prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

In a culture caught up in busyness and a remarkable pace of daily life, we often need more than one invitation to carve out some intentional space for faith. The design of the Lenten small group takes this into account and offers not only a place to connect with other parishioners and the Scriptures, but also includes a daily prayer guide for the 7 weeks of the season.

Why small group? It is a method tried and true by Jesus Himself and His Apostles! At the beginning of the Christian Church, the culture was largely hostile to its beliefs and connecting with other Christians by chance was unlikely...sound familiar? But the Acts of the Apostles tells us that "every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved" (Acts 2:46-47).

Small group is fruitful because it draws us into transformative friendship with Jesus and one another through God's Word. Have you ever had a question following a reading you heard at Mass? Something in a homily that struck you and you wanted to discuss more? Maybe you are newly married, a parent of a troubled teen, or recently retired, and you'd like to get to know others in a similar life stage who share your faith. These scenarios are the reason that most adults find small groups to be a key part of their Catholic faith journey!

Archbishop Hebda recognizes this as a priority for growth in our own Archdiocese. He has made "implementation of parish small groups" the #1 priority for our first year of Synod Implementation. Archbishop writes in his pastoral letter "Jesus formed the original Christian small group, and once again set the example by saying, 'Follow me.'" Archbishop's invitation to ALL the members of the faithful is to "come and see"! Experience a small group this Lent.

Last year, 93% of SJB parishioners who joined a Lenten small group said based on their experience they planned to participate again. I hope you will consider this invitation to experience a small group for the 7 weeks of this season and enter into Holy Week with a renewed faith. C.S. Lewis writes that "friendship is born at that moment when one person says to another 'What! You too? I thought I was the only one.'" If this resonates with you, consider signing up for a group this Lent either via the parish website (<https://stjohnnb.com/faith-formation/adult/small-groups/>), or after Masses this weekend, February 3rd - 4th.

In Christ,

Claire Brostrom

Journey
"With Jesus to the Cross"

Join a
Lenten Small Group

- Dive into the Scriptures of the season
- Grow in fellowship with other parishioners
- Enjoy prayer aids throughout the week

Groups will meet weekly for the 7 weeks of Lent.
Variety of days / times available.



Happening at St. John's



WINES TO WISHES 2024

THE WILD WEST

Please join us for
Wines to Wishes
February 3, 2024

Silent Auction 5:30-8 pm
Casino Games 6-8:15 pm
Live Presentations 8:30 pm

www.winestowishes.com
to register



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FISH FRY

February 9, 2024

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

The Knights are serving a fish fry

Meal includes: Fish, mac and cheese, tater tots, cole slaw, bread and butter, bars and cookies, lemonade, water, and coffee.

Prices: \$12/adult, \$8/ages 6-12, free/under 5, \$45/family maximum. Family is children and parents. Checks, cash, and credit cards accepted.



Catholic Watchmen
Trivia Night

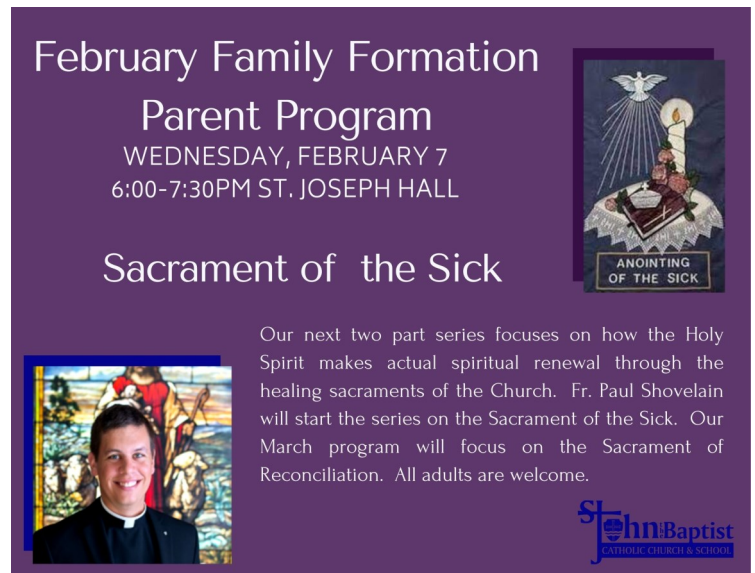
Join us for our first-ever Catholic Watchmen Trivia Night! Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

6:00 pm Rosary
6:30 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Trivia
8:15 pm Adoration and Confession
8:30 pm Depart

St. John Baptist
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

CATHOLIC WATCHMEN
EVENING PROGRAM



February Family Formation
Parent Program
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7
6:00-7:30PM ST. JOSEPH HALL

Sacrament of the Sick

Our next two part series focuses on how the Holy Spirit makes actual spiritual renewal through the healing sacraments of the Church. Fr. Paul Shovelain will start the series on the Sacrament of the Sick. Our March program will focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All adults are welcome.

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Young at Heart
Field Trip

Who: Young At Heart (Seniors of all ages)

What: We are taking the trip to see the gigantic Christmas Diorama in Edina. The display shows the Holy Land at the time of Jesus' birth and it features over 650 figures of Fontanini Nativity Set fame.

When: Saturday, February 10 to St. Patrick's Church in Edina. We will leave from SJB at noon and return around 3:00 pm.

Sign up to go by contacting Mary Kohlhaas at
kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org or 651.633.8333 x1229 or 763.242.4229

Happening at St. John's

New Parishioner Welcome

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

Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2024

6:30 am ~ Word Service with Ashes

8:30 am ~ School Mass with Ashes

12:00 pm ~ Word Service with Ashes

5:30 pm ~ Mass with Ashes

7:00 pm ~ Mass with Ashes

Fridays in Lent

February 16 & 23 and March 1, 8, 15, & 22

5:30 pm ~ Mass

6:00 pm ~ Fish Fry or Soup Supper

7:00 pm ~ Stations of the Cross



(Fish Frys are on March 8 and 22)

Intercessory Prayer Ministry

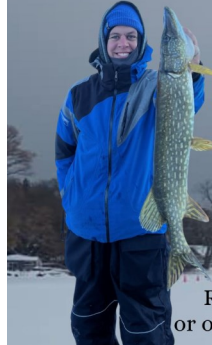
We often need prayer for family, faith, health, work, relationships, and other challenges in life. St. John the Baptist's **Intercessory Prayer Ministry (IPM)** teams provide monthly individual prayer ministry one week-end a month after the scheduled Mass times below. All is totally confidential.

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

Saturday, February 17, after the 4:30 Mass
Sunday, February 18, after the 8:30 Mass and
Sunday, February 18, after the 10:30 Mass.

SAVE THE DATE!

Ice Fishing with Father Tournament



When: February 17, 2024
11 am-1 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



Cana Dinner

FEBRUARY 17, 2024



Steve & Christy Broszko

The Sacrament of Matrimony: Recapturing the Good Wine



\$65/couple: Includes a catered dinner of your choice of pork tenderloin or walleye.

Register now with the QR code to reserve your spot!

Married and engaged couples, join us for a romantic evening to celebrate marriage. Happy Hour begins at 5:30pm followed by a candlelit dinner, a witness talk from Steve and Christy Broszko and recall your marriage vows. The evening concludes at 9 pm.



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 mar-tini@stjohnnyb.org or by phone at 651-633-8333 ext. 1228.



The Steier Group's final report for our Restore to Gather capital campaign was presented this past week. Follow our parish bulletin and/or weekly email to get the latest news on our campaign results as we also begin the transition to the construction phase of our church and school projects. We will be relying on the understanding and flexibility of our parish family during the coming months as repairs are made and improvements accomplished!

We are still in the process of closing the gap to our \$5 million goal. If you would like to make a commitment to our campaign, you can make your pledge online by scanning the QR code below or visiting our parish website: <https://stjohnnb.com/donate/campaign/>. Then click on the "Pledge Your Support Here" button.

Campaign payments can be made online by selecting "DONATE" at the top of our parish website (www.stjohnnb.com) and choose "Donate Online" and the "Restore to Gather Capital Campaign" Fund or mail your check (memo line: Restore to Gather) to the parish office. Parish envelopes also have a "Restore to Gather Capital Campaign" option in addition to "Weekly Sunday Offering."



You may also designate Qualified Charitable Contributions from your IRA or contribute gifts from donor-advised funds to the campaign.

Contact Mary May, Director of Development, at 651-633-8333, ext. 1253, or email mam@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



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/>.

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.



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH EVENTS

FEB
14TH, 2024

ASH WEDNESDAY PRAISE AND WORSHIP 8-9:30PM

MAR
20TH, 2024

LENTEN PRAISE AND WORSHIP 7:30-9PM

APR
3RD, 2024

EASTER PRAISE AND WORSHIP 8-9:30PM

MAY
8TH, 2024

YOUTH GROUP VARIETY SHOW 8-9:30PM

wilders@stjohnnyb.org

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, 9 am

Tuesday: 11 am, noon, Midnight

Wednesday: Noon, 4 pm, 10 pm, 11 pm

Thursday: 2 am

Friday: Noon, 1 pm, 6 pm

Saturday: 5 am, 9 am, 11 am, Noon

Sunday: Noon

Email sibadoration@gmail.com
with any questions



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

Questions of the Week

First Reading: Job was overwhelmed with feelings of sadness and despair. How does your faith help you get through difficult times?

Second Reading: Paul sees his “gospel” (the good news of Jesus Christ) as the center of his life. What do you think is the focus of your life?

Gospel Reading: At the start of Jesus’s public ministry in Galilee, we hear he was purpose-driven in performing many healings and exorcisms, as well as preaching the good news of the kingdom of God. What could you do this week as an intentional act of charity or kindness

Readings For The Week

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/
Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10,
11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and
40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13,
14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab,
19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/
1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

St. John’s Music at Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 3, 2024

Cantor and Organ at 4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, February 4, 2024

Men’s Schola at 8:30 am

Adult Choir at 10:30 am Mass

Saturday, February 10, 2024

Cantor and Organ at 4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, February 11, 2024

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

Please Pray For...

Those who have entered eternal life:

Jan Bensing, Tom Halaska

Those who are ill:

Sadlovsky Family, Sheehan Family, Cameron Santos, Madi Rippey, Sydney Jo Rippey, Jesse McDonough, Daryl Stevens, Geraldine and Gloria Hangartner, Emily Dahl, Theresa People, Josephine Schmidt, Chris Natheos, Randy Vogland, Don Lumby, Alex Pearson, Thomas Jones, 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, 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, Sharon Bowen, Jean and Jack Isacson, Sarah Miller, Larry Gillespie, Alice Mercord, Vicki Leier

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

Generous Spirit

Year-End Contribution Statements for 2023

Contribution Detail Statements for the tax year 2023 were sent out in the mail last week! If you made a financial contribution(s) to St. John the Baptist last year, please look for this important mailing from the parish office. For more information or if you have questions about your statement, please contact Michelle Chock or Mary May in the parish office. Thank you for your continued generosity to St. John the Baptist!



ARCHDIOCESE OF
SAINT PAUL & MINNEAPOLIS
— CATHOLIC —
SERVICES APPEAL

The Archdiocesan Catholic Services Appeal is nearly here! Last weekend's Gospel states that Jesus "taught as one having authority, and not as the scribes" (Mark 1:22). He proved his authority with accompanying signs, such as casting out a demon. The people were astonished.

Today, many of us waver between craving real authority and rebelling against authority altogether. We criticize our leaders for being too weak or the Catholic Church for being too firm. Some even ask, "Why can't the Church loosen up her doctrines and get with the times?"

The truth is, the Church cannot "change with the times." Jesus, who "is the same today, yesterday, and forever," founded the Church (Hebrews 13:8). Together, we can continue to stay strong in the way God is calling us and, through your support of the Catholic Services Appeal, spread the Good News as we always have.

We will be having our Catholic Services Appeal weekend at St. John's on the weekend of February 18.

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 several carloads of goods to Rochester for Haiti. 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.

Parish Life

Small Groups

One of the other great benefits of participating in a small group is how the experience can help bring our parish community and families together—as evident in these pictures below!



Mass Intentions:

- Stipends per Mass intention are \$10 .
- A Mass intention can be requested no more than three months out. For example, if you would like a Mass intention for April, the earliest you can request that date is the first open office day in January. Please keep in mind your preferred date may not be available.
- Only 2 Mass intentions per person, per month will be taken.
- We are now taking May intentions.

Parish Life

Minnesota March for Life 2024. Around 30 parishioners from St. John's bussed down on Monday, January 22 to be a part of the Mn March for Life. There were thousands of people in attendance to show that Minnesota still does have a strong prolife voice!



Enjoy a free subscription to FORMED.org

FORMED provides amazing online videos, audio, and books 24/7 for you to grow in your faith. It's EASY and FREE to Register!

All you have to do is go to www.formed.org and select the sign up as a parishioner, and find St. John the Baptist in New Brighton, MN.

Enter your name and email and click sign-up.
Enjoy and share with others in our local community!

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>

Parish Library News

Saint Josephine Bakhita (February 8) was captured as a young pagan slave girl and suffered a lifetime of brutality, torture, and abuse by her masters. Yet through conversion by the Holy Spirit she came to Christ, forgave her masters, and touched all those around her with her Christ-like compassion and love.

Other days of note:

World Day for Consecrated Life (February 4)

International Day of Prayer (February 8)

Awareness Against Human Trafficking (February 8)

Visit our sections on Health and Healing, Religious/Life Vocations, Sexual Abuse, Suffering, Forgiveness, Mercy, Prayer & Devotion.

The Library is open after all weekend Masses, across from the Archives case.

Books, DVDs, and CDs to enrich your faith.

St. John the Baptist Parish Library



"Jesus Christ, Lord of all things! You see my heart, You know my desires. Possess all that I am - You alone. I am Your sheep; make me worthy to overcome the devil."



~ Saint Agatha
(Feast Day February 5)

Mass Activity Bags!

Please borrow an activity bag for your child to use during Mass!



PLEASE RETURN
TO THE DISPLAY
RACK AFTER
MASS!

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.

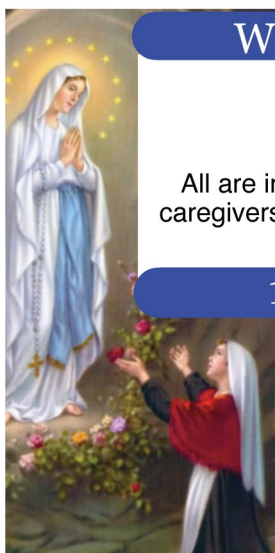
10:00 A.M. FEBRUARY 10th SATURDAY

**ST. CHARLES BORROMEO
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

2739 Stinson Blvd, Mpls MN 55418

Stay for a reflection given by Heidi Giebel PhD, author of book, *Ethical Excellence: Philosophers, Psychologists & Real-Life Exemplars Show Us How to Achieve it.*

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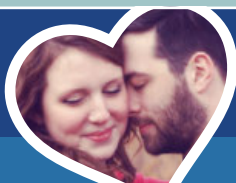
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