

**January 28, 2024**  
**4th 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



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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 29, 2024

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
 8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels  
 8:30 AM Mass (Irene Borys+) ~ Fr. Joseph  
 9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Church  
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook  
 7:00 PM Men's Schola Rehearsal ~ LL 101

### Tuesday, January 30, 2024

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
 8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels  
 8:30 AM Mass (Nancy Leivian+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph  
 9:00 AM Kidz Closet ~ 203  
 9:30 AM Alive in the World ~ 210  
 2:30 PM Middle School D-Groups ~ LL 106  
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook

### Wednesday, January 31, 2024

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels  
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
 8:30 AM Mass (Dick & Nancy Davis) 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 (Lucy & McKenzie Latawiec) Chapel of the Angels ~ Fr. Joseph  
 6:00 PM First Eucharist Kick-Off ~ Church  
 6:00 PM Middle School Faith Formation ~ LL 106  
 8:00 PM High School D-Groups ~ LL 106

### Thursday, February 1, 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 (Terry Alton) Church ~ Fr. Paul  
 2:00 PM Young at Heart ~ 208  
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook  
 7:00 PM OCIA Class ~ 206/208

### Friday, February 2, 2024

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels  
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
 8:30 AM Mass (The deceased members of the Legion of Mary) 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

### Saturday, February 3, 2024

3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook  
 3:15 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
 4:30 PM Vigil Mass (MaryAnne Marshik) Church ~ Fr. Joseph  
 5:30 PM Wines to Wishes ~ Plaza/St. Joseph Hall

### Sunday, February 4, 2024

8:30 AM Mass (Jeanene and William Otto+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph  
 8:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery  
 8:30 AM Sunday School ~ School Classrooms  
 10:30 AM Mass (Pro Populo) Church ~ Fr. Paul  
 10:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery  
 10:30 AM Sunday School ~ School Classrooms  
 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 (Irene Borys+) ~ Fr. Joseph  
 6:30 PM Confirmation Preparation ~ St. Joseph Hall



*From the Principal: Ann Laird*

## Catholic Schools Week

As we begin Catholic Schools Week, we are reflecting on how we gather to witness to each other and our community. Our school's mission is to educate each child according to their needs and to assist our students in developing a relationship with God.

This is evident in the following ways:

- Continuing to work to grow God's kingdom through our sacramental programming and assisting students and families as they come into the fullness of the Catholic faith.
- Celebrating students who live our monthly virtue in combination with our JOY (Jesus-Others-You) philosophy.
- Embracing small group ministry with staff, students, and parents.
- Increasing our services for our students who are working above grade level as well as supporting students who need extra support in the classroom or one on one assistance.
- Providing a variety of spiritual growth opportunities for our students through our Advent Challenge, Middle School Youth Group and ministry, weekly Mass, Adoration, Sunday School, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, First Sacraments, serving others, plus a strong participation in our evangelization efforts like the All Saints Party, Journey to the Inn, and the Egg Hunt.
- Improving our campus with assistance from the capital campaign so that our structure remains strong for future generations to come.

These examples allow us to continue striving towards developing a relationship with God, providing strong academics to prepare our students for their next steps, and working towards living a virtuous life. They all help shape our community, which is strongly rooted in the faith of Jesus Christ.

During this Catholic Schools Week, we celebrate who we are and all those who help us along the way. This includes our SJB founding families, members of the 50 Year Club, SJB parishioners, our parish and school staff, and our school families. We are grateful that we continue to grow as a school so that we may continue the wonderful legacy of Catholic education, which was started so many years ago.

Thank you for your continued support. Please pray that our school, students, and families grow in faith, love of the Lord, and virtue as we continue to grow and improve so we can impact the world. TEACH. MAKE. GO

*In Christ,*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann Laird". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



## Happening at St. John's



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!



## 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.



St. John Baptist  
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL



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!

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](http://www.winestowishes.com)  
to register



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 70 years of faith-filled excellence in education. 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.

The evening will include a silent & live auction, hor d'oeuvres, refreshments & wine/beer/cocktails, casino games for your entertainment, and lively crowd games during our live presentation. Wines to Wishes has historically been a wonderful means for people to come together and meet others in the St. John's community. We are so excited to be back together for this year's event!

## 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



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# 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](http://stjohnnb.com)



## Catholic Watchmen

February 6

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



- † Rosary at 6:00 pm in the Chapel of the Angels
- † Supper at 6:30 pm in St. Joseph Hall
- † Trivia at 7:00 pm
- † Adoration and Confession at 8:15 pm in the Church and Chapel of the Angels

## First Reconciliation

Keep in your prayers our children enrolled in the First Sacraments program for the following events:

**First Reconciliation Celebration** is Saturday, January 27 from 9:00-11:00 am in the Church

**First Eucharist Kick-Off Meeting** is Wednesday, January 31 from 6:00-7:30 pm



Questions regarding First Sacraments program can be directed to Jill Fink, Director of Discipleship, at [finkj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:finkj@stjohnnyb.org) 651.633.1540 ext. 1280

## Save the Date for Summer Camps!

### Totus Tuus

The Grade School Program will run Monday, June 24 – Friday, June 28, 2024.

The Middle School and High School Program will run Sunday, June 23 – Thursday, June 27, 2024.

### Vacation Bible School Preschool/Kindergarten Program

Tuesday, July 16 - Thursday, July 18, 2024, from 9 - 12:00 pm for children that are 3 years old (and potty-trained) through children entering 1st grade. Registration will be coming soon!

## Young at Heart Senior Group

Meeting next on February 1, the 1st Thursday of the month, from 2:00 pm—4:00 pm in St. Joseph Hall.

Contact Mary at 763-242-4229 or 651-633-8333 x1229 with comments or questions or [kohl-haasm@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:kohl-haasm@stjohnnyb.org)

## 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-tinj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:mar-tinj@stjohnnyb.org) or by phone at 651-633-8333 ext. 1228.



This weekend marks the end of the appeal phase for our Restore to Gather campaign. I want to thank all of you who have made great sacrifices to ensure the success of our effort. To date we have raised more than \$4.3 million! It is incredible to see how the Lord has worked and continues to work in our community, and how generously you have responded to His invitation.

One of our young parishioners heard the call of the Holy Spirit and responded with a joyful spirit. Bennett celebrated his 9th birthday on January 7 and turned in the birthday money he received as a gift to the capital campaign. THANK YOU Bennett for your example of what it means to selflessly give your gifts and talents to the Lord. We are grateful for your gift and for showing us all how to answer the call of the Holy Spirit.



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. The scope of this project is dependent on new gifts and pledges to the campaign. No gift is too small as we work to grow our campus. 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.

There are several options you have to make your pledge; you can make your pledge online through our giving portal, 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.

Thank you all for your sacrifices and prayers for the success of our campaign. It is a gift to be a part of this exciting time in our parish history. I am grateful for you all!

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

You can scan the QR code 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.



## 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

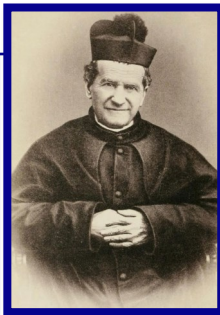
*Tuesdays from 2:30 pm-4:00 pm in the Youth Room*  
All students in **6th-8th grade** are invited to gather for time as a community, prayer lessons, faith discussions, snacks, and games. Every other week we will have discipleship groups which focus on growing together as disciples of Christ.

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH EVENTS

<b>FEB</b> 14TH, 2024	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY PRAISE AND WORSHIP 8-9:30PM</b>
<b>MAR</b> 20TH, 2024	<b>LENTEN PRAISE AND WORSHIP 7:30-9PM</b>
<b>APR</b> 3RD, 2024	<b>EASTER PRAISE AND WORSHIP 8-9:30PM</b>
<b>MAY</b> 8TH, 2024	<b>YOUTH GROUP VARIETY SHOW 8-9:30PM</b>

[wilders@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:wilders@stjohnnyb.org)





*"Whatever you do,  
think of the Glory of  
God as your main goal."*

~ Saint John Bosco  
(Feast Day January 31)

## Questions of the Week

**First Reading:** Moses taught the Israelites that God would raise up a prophet like him to teach them the Lord's commands. But he also forewarned about false prophets. How can we avoid listening to false prophetic voices?

**Second Reading:** Paul expresses his desire for the Corinthian believers to be free of anxiety so they can focus their attention and energies on Jesus. What distracts you from the Lord?

**Gospel Reading:** Mark informs us that early in Jesus's public ministry his "fame spread" quickly throughout Galilee because of his powerful deeds, such as the healing of the demon possessed man in today's reading. Is there something or someone in your life that you pray Jesus would heal?

## Saints Live Here

See what we have on the Church's Saints!



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**

## Readings For The Week

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/  
1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28  
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5,  
6-7/Mk 5:1-20  
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/  
Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43  
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/  
Mk 6:1-6  
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab,  
11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13  
Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/  
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32  
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/  
Mk 6:30-34  
Next 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

## St. John's Music at Mass Schedule

**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

**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

## Please Pray For...

### Those who are ill:

Sadlovsky Family, Sheehan Family, Cameron Santos, 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, 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, Sharon Bowen, Jean and Jack Isacson

*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

## Generous Spirit

### 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 a year 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."

It is not a burdensome commitment. Normally a parishioner commits to one route per month. And it takes about an hour and a half to make between six and eight deliveries. The area we serve is roughly within the Mounds View school district. We pick up the hot lunch containers at an Arden Hills location from the program's overall coordinator Jeanne Szurek, a SJB parishioner who started with MOW as a volunteer in 1992 and ultimately became the area manager in 2016.

According to another volunteer, Marie Culhane: "Bringing someone a hot meal and allowing them to age in place with dignity is a simple kindness we can all afford to give... I began driving for MOW in 2010. Mary Justin (who volunteered for MOW for approximately 25 years) recruited me during the annual Ministry Fair at St. John's. This was exactly what I needed, having just been widowed and looking for a way to serve others as I traveled through my grief journey. I was assigned MOW delivery every third Friday; however, I was reluctant to "go solo," so I recruited a then-new acquaintance to join me in my mission. That acquaintance, who was on his own grief journey, and I delivered many MOWs together. The 'dates' to deliver meals as acts of service and healing led us into friendship, then courtship and eventually marriage. In lieu of wedding gifts, we asked our guests to make a donation to MOW...."

We have drivers of all ages. While some complete the route alone, volunteers often have friends, children, grandchildren or spouses accompany them.

Other current drivers include: Pat and Tom Kallio, Linda Neary, Jill and Bob Dobrick, Mary and Jim Gag, Kathy Kegan, Mary Topel, Angie Wick, Kathy and Bill Spitzmueller, Carole Delong, Beth O'Donnell, and Gene and Kathleen Delaune.

As circumstances change, drivers need to be replaced. So 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 [marian.briggs9@gmail.com](mailto:marian.briggs9@gmail.com)

## Parish Life

### Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

The Knights of Columbus Saint John the Baptist, New Brighton Council 14250, in collaboration with Saint John the Baptist Catholic School, conducts an annual poster contest with the theme "Keep Christ in Christmas." Students from all grades are invited to put their faith in action by designing and producing a poster with the seasonal theme "Keep Christ in Christmas." The posters are judged and the top three winners in each grade receive a certificate and cash award. The first-place winners in each grade move on to the KC state contest.

The winning posters are displayed in Saint Paul Plaza on the wall by the Great Doors.

There were 69 entries from Grades 1, 2, 6, 7, and 8. Here are photos of the winners, pictured with KC Grand Knight Tim McQuillan and Principal Ann Laird as well as the winning posters. The posters were on display in St. Paul Plaza for several weeks before being sent to the state level competition to be judged.

Congratulations to all the winners, and good luck to all those whose posters are going to the state competition. Thank you to the students who entered to use their skills to demonstrate their faith in responding to the theme "Keep Christ in Christmas."



See all the winners online at:

<https://stjohnnb.com/home/photo-gallery/>



## Parish Life

### Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest



### SJB High School Youth Group



### St. John's and Catholic Charities

St John's has a long standing commitment with Catholic Charities in Minneapolis and it is still going strong. The first two Tuesdays of the month, volunteers from St John's help in the kitchen to prepare and serve lunch to 100-120 people each Tuesday.

The goal of the volunteers is to help lighten the load of the full-time staff so the tasks vary from preparing fruits and vegetables, making salads and sandwiches, serving food and washing dishes. Catholic Charities is very grateful for the help and has many other volunteer opportunities for individuals and groups.

Please check out their website at [www.cctwincities.org](http://www.cctwincities.org) for more information. Catholic Charities very much appreciates your time and talents in making a difference in our community!



## Gather to Witness in our Finances!

The financial report above summarizes St. John's operating revenues and expenses for the first 6 months of the fiscal year with a comparison to the same period last year and to the year-to-date budget for the current fiscal year. Below are notes on the numbers, arranged with letters that correspond to letters in the table. For questions or more information, please contact Mark Dittman, Director of Business Operations, at [dittmanm@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:dittmanm@stjohnnyb.org) or 651-633-8333, ext. 1215.

*Thank you for your generosity!*

- a. Sunday Giving is up 4% from prior year but is 2.2% below budget. We budgeted a 3.6% increase in Sunday Giving from 2022/23 to 2023/24. The differences you see here are due to timing of gifts and budget allocation. We continue to ask for your ongoing financial commitment to support our important ministries and operations. Thank you!
- b. For 2023/24 we budgeted for 390 K-8 students, while enrollment is now 401. Enrollment for 2022/23 was 349.
- c. In 2022/23 we realized income from the sale of the convent, \$35,700.
- d. In 2022/23 we expensed the fees required to sell the convent (\$21,890) and realized higher utility costs. In 2023/24 we are thus far seeing utility costs that are lower than 2022/23 and below budget.
- e. School Operations expense is up due primarily to higher enrollment.

### St. John the Baptist Operating Revenue and Expenses July 2023 to December 2023

3 Months Ending September 30:	6 Months Actual		6 Months Budget
	2023-24	2022-23	
Sunday and Holy Day Collections	1,234,072	a. 1,186,556	1,262,639
School Tuition Revenue	1,117,000	b. 917,653	1,089,075
Other School Revenue	815,035	709,754	710,456
Other Parish Revenue	124,968	c. 160,078	107,188
Total Revenue	3,291,075	2,974,041	3,169,358
Salary and Benefits - Parish	735,967	740,478	784,911
Salary and Benefits - School	1,312,033	1,147,229	1,284,708
Facility and Operation Costs	333,340	d. 361,588	338,983
School Operating Expenses	511,785	e. 445,504	482,805
Parish Ministry Expenses	113,704	113,229	146,655
Total Expenses	3,006,829	2,808,028	3,038,062
Revenue Minus Expense	284,246	166,013	131,296

It is interesting to note that our Mass attendance, as measured in October each year, has been growing steadily since 2020, and we are approaching the 2019 pre-pandemic attendance level. It is delightful to see more people coming to St. John's for worship and community!

We trust in the Lord's providence in our finances as we prudently monitor our expenses. There is always reason to hope in the Lord! Thank you again for your ongoing generosity and commitment to our core values!

### Property for Sale

In 2023 a parishioner donated to the parish an undeveloped parcel of land in Moran Township, Todd County, Minnesota. The approximate property dimensions, in feet, are 83 x 287 x 206 x 199. It is not lakefront property. The property is about 129 miles from St. John the Baptist. The property will soon be listed for sale through a licensed realtor. Inquiries can be made to Mark Dittman, Director of Business Operations at 651-633-8333, ext. 1215 or by email at [dittmanm@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:dittmanm@stjohnnyb.org).



### Pray with SJB Everyday

Everyday at 3:00 pm, the hour of Jesus's Great Mercy, Fr. Paul or a staff member leads a special litany and novena prayer live on our parish's Facebook page.

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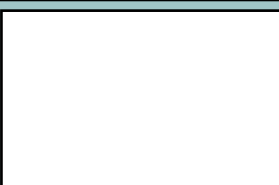
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