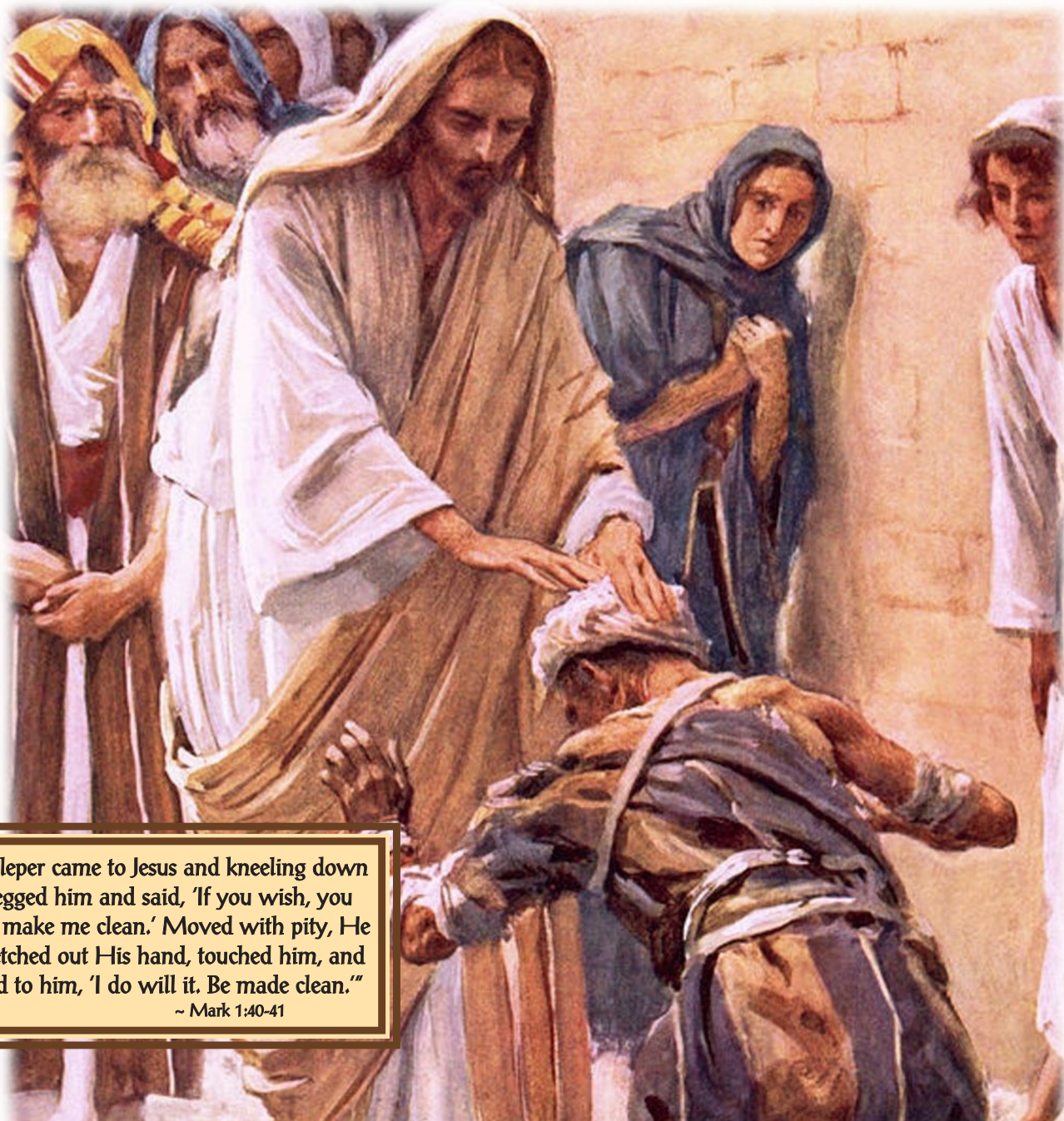


Bearing witness to Jesus Christ who is the Way, the Truth and the Life: **GO. MAKE. TEACH.**  
Our Core Values: a reliance on prayer, a willingness to grow, a generous spirit



"A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, 'If you wish, you can make me clean.' Moved with pity, He stretched out His hand, touched him, and said to him, 'I do will it. Be made clean.'"

~ Mark 1:40-41

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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, February 12, 2024

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
 8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels  
 8:30 AM Mass (Diana Goebel+) ~ Fr. Paul  
 9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Church  
 11:30 AM Widows and Widowers Lunch ~ Off Site  
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook  
 6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal ~ LL 101

### Tuesday, February 13, 2024

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
 8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels  
 8:30 AM Mass (Clarence Wilkus) 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

### Wednesday, February 14, 2024 - Ash Wednesday

6:30 AM Word Service with Ashes ~ Church  
 8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels  
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
 8:30 AM Mass with Ashes (Juana Sabado and Leocadio Sabado) 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  
 12:00 PM Word Service with Ashes ~ Church  
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook  
 5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
 5:30 PM Mass with Ashes (Zoya Lyublinka) Church ~ Fr. Paul  
 6:00 PM Middle School Faith Formation ~ LL 106  
 7:00 PM Mass with Ashes (Joyce Albers+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph  
 8:00 PM High School Youth Praise and Worship ~ Chapel of the Angels

### Thursday, February 15, 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 (Larry Wasik+ and Diana Goebel+) Church ~ Fr. Paul  
 9:30 AM Circle of Women ~ 206/208  
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook  
 7:00 PM OCIA Class ~ 206/208

### Friday, February 16, 2024

#### Parish Office Closed after Morning Mass due to Staff Retreat

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels  
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
 8:30 AM Mass (Steve Lauinger) Church ~ Fr. Joseph  
 9:30 AM Legion of Mary ~ 211  
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook  
 5:30 PM Mass ~ Chapel of the Angels ~ Fr. Paul  
 6:00 PM Soup Supper ~ St. Joseph Hall  
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross ~ Church

### Saturday, February 17, 2024

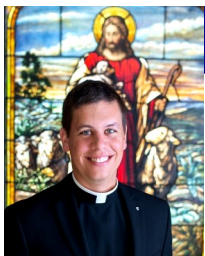
9:30 AM Mass ~ Chapel of the Angels ~ Fr. Joseph  
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook  
 3:15 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
 4:30 PM Vigil Mass (Richard Rivard+) Church ~ Fr. Paul  
 5:30 PM Cana Dinner ~ St. Joseph Hall  
 5:30 PM Intercessory Prayer Ministry ~ Chapel of the Angels

### Sunday, February 18, 2024

8:30 AM Mass (Jeanene and William Otto+) Church ~ Fr. Paul  
 8:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery  
 9:30 AM Intercessory Prayer Ministry ~ Chapel of the Angels  
 10:30 AM Mass with Rite of Sending (Pro Populo) Church ~ Fr. Paul  
 10:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery  
 11:30 AM Intercessory Prayer Ministry ~ Chapel of the Angels  
 12:00 PM Baptism ~ Church  
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook  
 4:00 PM Young Adult Men's Bible Study ~ 211  
 4:30 PM RCIC ~ 206  
 5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
 5:30 PM Mass (Berchem Family) ~ Fr. Paul

*On the Cover: The Healing of the Leper by Harold Copping*





## Capital Campaign Conclusion

The vision of our *Restore to Gather* Capital Campaign is coming to fruition as the restoration work in our sanctuary has begun this past week. Our first project in the church is the cleaning of the air ducts. This project will result in better efficiency in our HVAC as well as the removal of the black insulation falling from the diffusers near the skylights. This project will take about 3 weeks to complete.

One project that was completed this past fall was the tuckpointing around the windows above the baptistry. We are hopeful this approach will fix the water leak in a more cost-effective way rather than replacing the windows as originally thought. We also have replaced the carpet in 6 classrooms with funds from our 2023 Wines to Wishes Fundraiser. The remaining classrooms and hallway carpet will be replaced with contributions from our Restore to Gather Capital Campaign.

We are finalizing the contract for the remainder of the church upgrades. The projects in this contract will include the removal, refinishing and reinstalling of the pews in the church. It also includes spraying a new coat of acoustical spray on the ceiling. Finally, it includes upgrades to the HVAC system that will allow for greater efficiency for heating and cooling, saving money as energy costs continue to rise. We anticipate that those projects will begin in early May.

We are working with a contractor, as well, on finalizing designs for school bathroom upgrades. We also hope to begin this renovation project in early May.

Thank you to all those who have pledged to our *Restore to Gather* Campaign. With your support, we are able to complete these necessary upgrades. Our parish participation has grown from 554 households in the previous One Spirit Many Gifts Campaign to over 700 in our current Restore to Gather Campaign. This growth is a positive sign of vibrancy in our community. We are witnessing the Lord's presence as we gather around this mission. Thank you for your commitment to pray for continued fruitfulness in our efforts, being flexible as we navigate the upgrades and improvements to our campus and for your generous spirit in supporting this essential effort.

### Small Group Update

Speaking of our parish vibrancy, as of Monday, February 5, 2024, we have 293 people signed up to participate in our Lenten small groups! It is beautiful to see our parishioners responding to the Archbishop's invitation to join a small group. You can still sign up! Please do so ASAP!

### You're invited: All Parish Retreat April 12th and 13th

I am excited to share with you that we will be hosting an All Parish Retreat "Rise" the weekend of April 12th and 13th. The focus will be the Risen Lord who invites us to Rise to the times and be courageous in following the Holy Spirit. It will be an opportunity for all our parishioners to come together for great talks, fellowship, and prayer. We are working with Bishop Williams and other fantastic presenters. Stay tuned to parish communications for more details. Last year we had 50 men and 50 women attend the Awaken parish retreats offsite and this year we want to open it up to all parishioners and friends of SJB. For now, block out Friday night, April 12th and all day Saturday April 13th for the retreat! I look forward to seeing you there!

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

*Father Paul Shovelain*

## Happening at St. John's

### 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](mailto:kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org) or 651.633.8333 x1229 or 763.242.4229

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

### 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)

### 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)



## Happening at St. John's




### Valentines Brunch

Circle of Women

**Thursday, February 15,**  
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. Our speaker will be Kate Walsh Southeray, who will present "Lent: A Time to Reorient our Lives to the Voice of the Holy Spirit" 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!



### 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, February 17, after the 4:30 Mass**  
**Sunday, February 18, after the 8:30 Mass and**  
**Sunday, February 18, 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

### Alive in the Word

Sister Clarinda's "Lent: Season of Transformation"

4 Lessons

"I invite you to journey together with me studying Sunday Scripture and Scripture-based Church Teachings"



- Classes are on Tuesdays 9:30-11:00 am
- First Class is on February 20, 2024
- Register Early Fee is \$10

### Devoted

Devoted is back for 2024! Bring your own mug for hot chocolate and treats on February 21. We will dive into the Season of Lent together and enjoy discussion and prayer time!

Questions? Email Claire at [brostromc@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:brostromc@stjohnnyb.org).

### 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!

### Council of Catholic Women

The February meeting of the St. John's Council of Catholic Women (CCW) will be held on Monday, February 19 from 2-3 pm in Saint Joseph Hall. This meeting time change is for this meeting only.

Questions? Please contact Theresa Cermak by email at [theresacermak100@gmail.com](mailto:theresacermak100@gmail.com) or call 763-786-7051.

### Widows & Widowers

Calling all widows and widowers! Are you looking for a new social group or friend network? Come have lunch with us! Our next get together is Monday, January 8 at 11:30 am at the Perkins on County Rd. D.

Contact Mary Kohlhaas for more information at 651-633-8333 x1229, by cell phone 763-242-4229 or by email at [kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org).

### Young Adult Corner

#### Join the Young Adult Community!!

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



#### Young Adult Men's Small Group

Sundays 4:30 pm—6:00 pm

A new men's small group for the young adults of our parish is starting! Meetings are at 4:30 pm before the 6:15 pm Mass. The time will shift when the Mass time shifts after Labor Day.

Email Sarah at [wilders@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:wilders@stjohnnyb.org) to express interest.



## First Sacraments



Congratulations to our students enrolled in our First Sacraments program who celebrated their First Reconciliation on Saturday, January 27. May you continue to experience the tender love and mercy of our good and gracious God all your life in this sacrament. The children and their parents will now start preparing for their First Holy Communion in May. Please keep our families in your prayers. For information on First Sacraments program contact Jill Fink, Director of Discipleship at [finkj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:finkj@stjohnnyb.org) or 651.633.1540 ext. 1280

## Generous Spirit



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— CATHOLIC —  
SERVICES APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2023 Catholic Services Appeal. St. John the Baptist recently received our first "Parish Sharing" check of \$27,107.50. We expect one more additional payment, because of your generosity! When you support this year's appeal, St. John's will benefit once again, upon reaching our goal.

Next weekend, February 17 and 18, you will have the opportunity to learn more about the 2024 appeal and contribute to this important effort. Your gift will strengthen ministries that include Catholic schools, pro-life outreach, hospital chaplaincy, and services to those most in need. Support for this year's appeal will make Jesus known and loved across the Archdiocese! For more information, visit [Hope.ArchSPM.org](https://Hope.ArchSPM.org), or use the QR code below. Thank you in advance for your support!



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/>.

## Middle School Youth Group

*3rd Fridays from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm in the Youth Room*  
Once per month, our middle school community gathers for faith and fun. Our next MSYG is on Friday November 17. We will spend part of the evening playing a large group game and part of the evening in prayer. All 6th-8th graders are invited to come!

St. John the Baptist  
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

## 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](mailto: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 [sjbadoration@gmail.com](mailto:sjbadoration@gmail.com) with any questions



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

## Questions of the Week

**First Reading:** We hear how ancient Israel was concerned about purity laws and the spread of disease, such as leprosy. How do you support people in your life who are suffering from disease or isolation?

**Second Reading:** St. Paul encouraged the Corinthians to be selfless and kind to each other as a practical way of living out their faith. Is there a friend or co-worker who could benefit from your generosity toward them?

**Gospel Reading:** The healed leper disobeyed Jesus' command to remain silent and as a result, Jesus had to stay outside towns and in "deserted places." How do you deal with people in your life who disappoint or frustrate you?

## Readings For The Week

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

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/  
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/  
Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4,  
5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/  
Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/  
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/  
1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

## St. John's Music at Mass Schedule

**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

**Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024**

Adult Choir at 7:00 pm Mass

**Saturday, February 17, 2024**

Cantor and Organ at 4:30 pm Mass

**Sunday, February 18, 2024**

Contemporary Ensemble at 8:30 am and 10:30 am

## Please Pray For...

**Those who have entered eternal life:**

Luz Maria Auers, Dan Swanson, Maria Rose

**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, Judith Hentcoss, Rita Amble, Barb Marti, Jean Isacson

**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



*Thank you* to all who have pledged, prayed and sacrificed for the success of our *Restore to Gather* Capital Campaign. We are excited to share a summary of campaign results and next steps below.



## CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS

- 92% of our \$5 million goal is complete!
- We met the \$200,000 match!
- We have identified nearly \$60,000 in contributions from employer matching gifts and expect additional contributions from employer matching programs in coming months.
- A total of 703 parish and school households have participated in the campaign so far. In comparison, 554 households contributed to One Spirit, Many Gifts, the most recent SJB capital campaign, conducted from 2015 – 2020.
- Our successful campaign effort was led by a volunteer team of 52 dedicated parishioners and school parents.

## NEXT STEPS

- We are entering the pledge redemption phase, as restoration projects are beginning and bills to contractors will be coming due. We will contact supporters with reminders, but in the meantime, prompt and early payments will be greatly appreciated! See below for more information on making payments toward your pledge.
- Our Parish Development Commission will take on the role of advising Father Paul and parish leadership during the redemption phase of our campaign. Over the next three years, they will provide guidance on outreach to our community regarding payments on pledges. They will also assist in communication plans during the construction phase of our church and school projects.
- Our partnership with the Steier Group will continue until the campaign is complete in 2026. They will offer ongoing counsel and support to our pastor, parish staff, and leadership, to assure we reach our \$5 million goal and that payments are received in a timely manner.

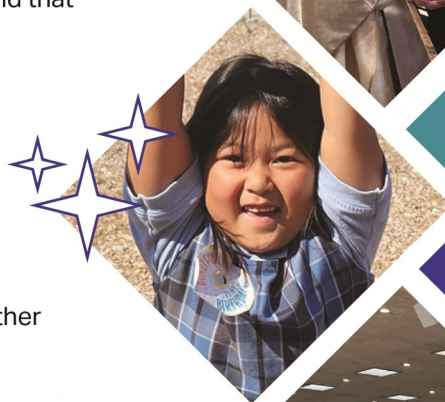
## HOW TO FULFILL YOUR PLEDGE

- **Online:** Select "DONATE" at the top of our parish website ([www.stjohnnb.com](http://www.stjohnnb.com)), choose "Donate Online" and the "Restore to Gather Capital Campaign" Fund, then complete the online form.
- **US mail:** Complete your check payable to **St. John the Baptist** (memo line: *Restore to Gather*) and mail to the parish office.
- **Sunday Mass collection:** Parish envelopes include 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 *Restore to Gather* campaign.

Contact Mary May, Director of Development, at 651-633-8333, ext. 1253, or email [maym@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:maym@stjohnnyb.org) with questions.

**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 at right or visiting our parish website: [stjohnnb.com/donate/campaign/](http://stjohnnb.com/donate/campaign/) Then click on the "Pledge Your Support Here" button. You may also mail your pledge card to the parish office or turn it in via the collection basket at Mass.





## Parish Life

### Catholic Schools Week

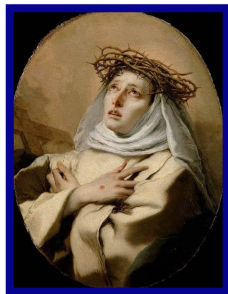


### ProLife Event in New Brighton





*"We must force ourselves to DETACH the heart and the will from all earthly love; to love no fleeting things, except for the love of God; and, above all, not to love God for our own sakes for self-interest, but with a love as pure as His own goodness."*



~ Saint Catherine de Ricci  
(Feast Day February 13)

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

**Question:** Is gossip a mortal sin?

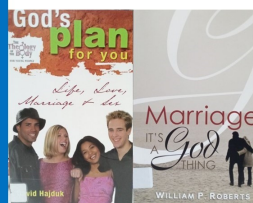
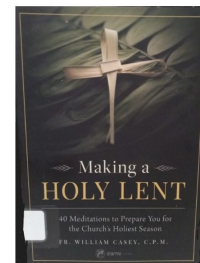
**Answer:** To really ask this question, we must consider the Eighth Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness." In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing "false witness" means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word "gossip" isn't used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words "detraction" and "calumny," which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious. First, detraction is the of revealing "another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them," without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it "harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements" (see no. 2477).

In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479). Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: "No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it" (no. 2489).

When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person's good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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The picture of Father looks like this:

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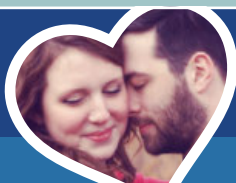
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