

**February 25, 2024**  
**2nd Sunday of Lent**

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

Elect and candidates



**Our elect and candidates in the Becoming Catholic RCIA program are nearing their reception into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Please continue to pray for our candidates, their sponsors and catechists as they prepare to become Catholic!**



Elect and candidates attended the Rite of Election and are welcomed by Archbishop Hebda

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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 26, 2024

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
 8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels  
 8:30 AM Mass (Brian Moe+) ~ Fr. Jaspers  
 9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Church  
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook  
 6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal ~ LL 101

### Tuesday, February 27, 2024

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
 8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels  
 8:30 AM Mass (Theodore Labuza+) 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, February 28, 2024

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels  
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
 8:30 AM Mass (Sr. Rose Vu) 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 (Bob Kish+) Church ~ 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, February 29, 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 (Diana Goebel+) Church ~ Fr. Paul  
 9:15 AM Circle of Women ~ 206/208  
 2:00 PM Young at Heart Lenten Group ~ 210  
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook  
 7:00 PM OCIA Class ~ 206/208

### Friday, March 1, 2024

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

### Saturday, March 2, 2024

9:30 AM Mass (Curt+ and Karin+ O'Connor) Chapel of the Angels ~ Fr. Joseph  
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook  
 3:15 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
 4:30 PM Vigil Mass (Sr. Margaret Kremmer) Church ~ Fr. Paul  
 5:30 PM Hospitality ~ St. Joseph Hall

### Sunday, March 3, 2024

8:30 AM Mass (Francisco Nguyen Minh Tri +) 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 with OCIA First Scrutiny (Jaime Obsequio) ~ Fr. Paul  
 6:30 PM Confirmation Preparation ~ LL 106





## “Rise” Spring Retreat

*"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things." ~ Luke 24: 46-48*

During this season of Lent, we prepare for the Lord's Resurrection at Easter through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. You are invited to attend our Spring Retreat “Rise” beginning on the evening of **Friday, April 12** through Mass on **Saturday, April 13**. Let's turn what we experienced during Lent into action in our life. During the retreat, we will have time for reflection, Adoration, Reconciliation, Eucharist and inspiring presentations by Bishop Williams, Ryan O'Hara and Father Paul. While participants of small groups are being encouraged to attend this retreat as a follow-up to their small group experience, this parish-wide retreat is open to any parishioner who would like to attend. Childcare will be available on Saturday and additional details of the retreat are being finalized and will be published as they are available.

We are called to be holy, but we live in a broken world that draws us away from the plans that God has for us, “plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope.” (Jer. 29:11). It can be challenging to live a holy life, given the condition of the world around us. We can find that we are just “going with the flow” and end up in a place we don't want to be. It's important to be intentional in living a holy life and surrounding ourselves with holy people. “Rise” will explore the condition of today's world, one that was “once deeply Christian and now that by a slow and thorough process has been ridding itself of its Christian basis” and the voices that draw us into sin and away from God's hopeful plan for us; not life without trials but living with the strength that comes from God to overcome the challenges we face.

Why retreat? Retreats give us an opportunity to remove ourselves from the normal rhythm of our lives, to get away from the noise and daily distractions and examine the rhythm of our faith life, giving us a chance to recenter and commit our lives fully to God. Over the years, I have found retreats to be essential to living a holy life. In addition to my year as a NET Missionary, I have experienced retreats of various shapes and sizes: long and short, silent (this was a challenge for me), men only, married couples and more. There were times when I didn't know why I was going, or even resisted the invitation, but without fail, at the end of the retreat, I received a gift from God that brought me deeper into my faith and in closer relationship with Him.

Why retreat NOW? This retreat is meant to fortify the graces received in the Lenten season. The retreat is also an opportunity to encounter the risen Jesus who is alive. If you've been through a spiritual exercise like a season of small groups or deep Lenten reflection, there can be a temptation to return to life as before and abandon the journey you'd begun. Don't take the journey alone. Surround yourself with people who are also striving to live a faithful life in Christ, so that we may accompany each other on our journey to holiness.

“Gather to Witness” and join us for “Rise” and put your Lenten reflections into action.

In Christ,

*Jim Martin*

## Happening at St. John's



Knights of  
Columbus®  
Council #14250

# WAFFLE BREAKFAST

Join us on February 25  
9:00 am - 12:00 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. Prices: \$10 per person, children 5 and under free, family maximum \$50. Cash, check, or credit card. Come and enjoy some breakfast and some fellowship, and support the Knights!

## Quilters Ministry

Meeting next: February 27

SJB Quilters will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 1 - 3 pm in Room 203. We've had many fabric and quilt tops donated. Our group only ties quilts during our meetings and many hands would make short work! **New members are always welcome.**



For more information, please contact Helen at 763-786-1512.

# Circle of Women



**Thursday, February 29,**  
upstairs in Room 206/208 at 9:15 am-11:30 am

We welcome women of all ages to our gathering on Thursday, February 29, 2024. Our speaker will be former St. John's staff member Jessica Balzarini, who will present "Lent: A Time to Witness" 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!



## OCIA Penitential Act

This Sunday the OCIA candidates celebrate the Penitential Act at the Sunday 8:30am Mass. In this Rite, the candidates (along with the wider community) reflect in a spirit of repentance, acknowledge the destruction of sin and long for true freedom as a child of God. This prayer is intended to give strength to the candidates as they prepare for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent. For more information regarding Becoming Catholic OCIA contact Jill Fink at 651.633.8333 ext. 1280 or [finkj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:finkj@stjohnnyb.org).



## Book Rack Ministry

In collaboration with St. George Christian Books and Gifts, St. John's is bringing back religious and spiritual enrichment for purchase, bringing the convenience of obtaining quality books to our campus. Our goal is to have a wide range of items to attract different age groups. Items for our youngest disciples to easy readers and teen-related topics as well as for adults devotional, saint inspiration, and topical grouping books. Check out what we have each week.

Here is how it works: The price of the item is marked on the front or inside cover. There are several ways to give your payment: You can scan the QR code and use a credit or debit card.

The processing will be through St. George Christian Books and Gifts. Or you can use the envelope in the item to place cash or a check and put the envelope in the slot or weekend collection. Make checks out to St. John the Baptist. Contact Jill Fink, Director of Discipleship at [finkj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:finkj@stjohnnyb.org).





## Happening at St. John's

### Lent at St. John's

**Fridays, 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)



**Saturdays, March 2, 9, 16, & 23**

9:30 am ~ Mass

#### Fish Fry Prices:

- Adults: \$12; Kids (6-12): \$8; Kids (5 and under): free; \$45 family maximum (children and parents)

#### Soup Supper Prices:

- \$7 suggested donation
- The Soup Supper on March 1 will be hosted by the St. John's Funeral Luncheon Group

### Confession Opportunities at St. John's

Mondays ~ Fridays at 8:00 am

Wednesdays at 5:00 pm

Saturdays at 3:15 pm

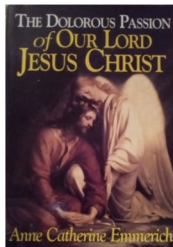
Sundays at 5: pm



### Parish Library News

Experience miraculous eyewitness accounts of Jesus' life and passion in author Alan Ames' "Through the Eyes of Jesus", and Anne Catherine Emmerich's "The Dolorous Passion".

Visit our sections on Jesus, Prayer & Devotion, and Eucharistic Adoration to deepen your Lenten Journey.



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

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

**Saint John the Baptist Parish Library**

### Building Bridges Liberia

Stop by the table in the plaza next weekend to speak with Naomi Hard who will be leaving shortly for her mission in Liberia. She is hoping to set up a library with all the books you helped send last Fall. She would appreciate your prayers and encouragement for her trip and the people and the Church in Liberia. Thank you for your generosity and care to our brothers and sisters round the world!

### 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*

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

### 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:



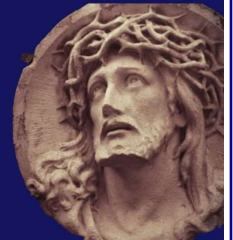
### IT MATTERS TO JESUS

**Uniting Our Suffering With Christ's**

**3 pm on Saturday**  
**March 2nd 2024**

Lenten Reflection for all  
young adults 18-35 to read  
about and discuss suffering.

Meet in the St John the  
Baptist Youth Room



### Young Adult Dinner

Note: In February we were unable to host the monthly YA dinner. Join us March 16 for a Patrick's day Party!

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

# Youth Ministry

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

## Extreme Faith Camp

### High School Leaders - Current 9th-12th graders

At Extreme Faith Camp, we will need high schoolers to take on roles of significant leadership on Prayer Team or Extreme Team. Students will be encouraged to apply for these leadership roles. Once accepted, they will receive a registration link and code. The cost for 9th-12th graders will be \$475 and scholarships will be available to high schoolers as well. Applications are due Monday, March 18th, 2024.

**Prayer Team** is for current 9th graders or other students who have not already done it. It is a powerful experience and one that your child will not want to miss. *Applications Now Open—Sign up with the QR code!*



**Extreme Team** is for 10th-12th graders who are ready to lead or co-lead a small group at camp. *Applications Now Open—Sign up with the QR code!*



Registration open for 5th-8th graders

**EXTREME FAITH**



July 29th-Aug 2nd, 2024

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

## 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.

### 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, March 15. 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 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)

Want to get on our email list? Reach out to Sarah Wilder at [wilders@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:wilders@stjohnnyb.org). We send out a weekly update on everything we have going on in St. John's Youth Ministry.



## 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

Email [sibadoration@gmail.com](mailto:sibadoration@gmail.com)  
with any questions



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

## Questions of the Week

**First Reading:** Abraham passed God's test to offer his beloved son, Isaac, as a sacrifice. Have you ever felt tested by God?

**Second Reading:** Paul speaks of God's generous love and affection for us, ever willing to defend and protect us. As we continue the Lenten journey, to whom might you offer some comfort and care this week?

**Gospel Reading:** After witnessing Jesus' transfiguration, hearing God's voice, and commanded to silence, Peter, James, and John must have been spiritually and emotionally drained. What helps energize you spiritually?

## Readings For The Week

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/  
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/  
Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/  
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/  
Jn 2:13-25

## St. John's Music at Mass Schedule

**Saturday, February 24, 2024**

Cantor and Organ at 4:30 pm Mass

**Sunday, February 25, 2024**

Adult Choir and Organ at 8:30 am Mass

Children's Choir and Organ at 10:30 am Mass

**Saturday, March 2, 2024**

Cantor and Organ at 4:30 pm Mass

**Sunday, March 3, 2024**

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

Ignite Group at 5:30 pm

## Please Pray For...

**Those who have entered eternal life:**

Curt and Karin O'Connor, Robert Kortas, Matthew Ruge, Paul Elmstrand, and Adam Finseth

**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, 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, Stephanie Pommier, Lorene MacLean, Sharon Bowen, Jean and Jack Isacson, Sarah Miller, Larry Gillespie, Alice Mercord, Vicki Leier, Judith Hentss, Rita Amble, Barb Marti, Alfonso Perez, James Simmer Jr., Bud Handzel, Eileen Rybak, Barbie Sterans, Connie Lloyd

**Prayer Line** 651-633-1618/651-247-4202 Call with your prayer requests. Requests are confidential.

## Project Update



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

**Thank you to everyone for your support and prayers for the Restore to Gather Campaign.** Because of your generosity, we have completed a first step toward our church renovation. The ducts and diffusers have been cleaned in our church ceiling, and the foam insulation that had been hanging from our skylights is gone. There is still much more to do, but the improvements in the aesthetics of our worship space have begun!

The first large phase of church repairs and renovation will begin in May. Please watch the bulletin and parish email for additional updates on both church and school projects in the coming weeks. Your continued prayers and understanding are greatly appreciated as we prepare our campus for the next 50+ years!

### CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Pledges and gifts to the campaign have now exceeded **\$4.7 million**. If you would like to make a commitment to our campaign, you can still 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. You may also mail your pledge card to the parish office or turn it in via the collection basket at Mass.



### 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.

## Generous Spirit

### Are you Looking for a Volunteer Opportunity?

A group of parishioners come in on Mondays to straighten the hymnals and pick up things left in the pews. We are looking for a few more people to help us with this task. We get assigned about once every 6 weeks, which takes about an hour. If you are interested or curious come to our spring meeting in St. Joseph's Hall at 9:00 am on Wednesday, March 13. You can meet our group and get all your questions answered. Or, you can call Peter Walsh at 507-450-9664 for more information.



*Giving is Faith in Action*

Your 2024 Catholic Services Appeal gift will transform countless lives by bringing Jesus to others through the education and outreach of ministries throughout the Archdiocese.

#### *How Your Gift Makes an Impact*

#### **Educate in Faith**

An essential component of the Church's ministry is the education of the next generation of disciples, as well as the continuing formation of all its members.

#### **Help Those in Need**

The Church is called to make the love of Jesus real and tangible in the world today, especially to the poor, the vulnerable and those on the peripheries.

#### **Strengthen in Faith**

At the heart of the Church's ministry is facilitating for its members an encounter with the person of Jesus Christ. Central to what it means to be Catholic is the development of a friendship with Jesus through prayer and reflection.

#### **Protect Life**

Knowing that every human person has God-given dignity and together we can promote respect for life in all stages.

**Giving is Faith in Action.**  
**Give to the Catholic Services Appeal today.**

Scan the QR code to donate or you may also mail your gift to: Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Catholic Services Appeal, PO Box 6488, Saint Paul, MN 55106, or drop your envelope in the collection basket at Mass.





### *St. John's Newly Baptized*

*Through water and the word you have become a child of God and are sealed as Christ's own forever.*

#### **Hiroji Txiajntsim**

Parents: Suzuki Vang & Chia Lor

#### **Luna Rose**

Parents: Dan & Emily Blageo

#### **Anna Frances**

Parents: Joshua & Kathleen Blonski

#### **Miles Steven**

Parents: Aaron & Bridget Knight



### **Young at Heart Field Trip to see Nativity Diorama**





## Parish Life

### (Indoor) Ice Fishing Tournament



### Winter Faith Camp





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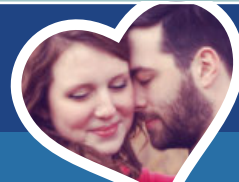
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