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PARISH CENTER HOURS

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9:00 AM - 5:30 PM
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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

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Archdiocese's Victim/Survivor Assistance Program

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

Schedule of Events

Monday, March 11, 2024

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

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, March 12, 2024

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals 8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels

8:30 AM Mass (Cecilia Bay Nguyen Maria Phan Do) Church

~ Fr. Joseph

9:00 AM Kidz Closet ~ 203

9:30 AM Alive in the Word ~ 210 1:00 PM Quilters Ministry ~ 203

3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals

8:30 AM Mass (Greg Hosch+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph

9:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks ~ St. Therese

9:00 AM Hymn Straightener Meeting ~ St. Joseph Hall

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 (Joe Pritchett+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph

Thursday, March 14, 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 (Charlene Pomerleau+) Church ~ Fr. Paul

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 15, 2024

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals 8:30 AM Mass (Walter Hoschette & Greg Hosch+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph

9:30 AM Legion of Mary ~ 211

3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook

5:30 PM Mass (Kathy Jansen) Church~ Fr. Paul

6:00 PM Soup Supper ~ St. Joseph Hall

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross ~ Church

Saturday, March 16, 2024

Saint Vincent de Paul Food Drive Collection

9:30 AM Mass (Family Members Albers & Mueller (living & deceased) Chapel of the Angels ~ Fr. Joseph

10:00 AM Altar Guild ~ Church

3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook

3:15 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals

4:30 PM Vigil Mass (Pedronel Giraldo) Church ~ Fr. Paul

5:30 PM Hospitality ~ St. Joseph Hall 5:30 PM Intercessory Prayer Ministry ~ Chapel of the Angels

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Saint Vincent de Paul Food Drive Collection

8:30 AM Mass (Tom Halaska +) Church ~ Fr. Joseph

8:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery

8:30 AM Sunday School ~ School Classrooms

9:30 AM Intercessory Prayer Ministry ~ Chapel of the Angels 10:30 AM Mass with OCIA Third Scrutiny (Pro Populo) Church

~ Fr. Joseph

10:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery

10:30 AM Sunday School ~ School Classrooms

11:30 AM Intercessory Prayer Ministry ~ Chapel of the Angels

12:00 PM Baptisms ~ 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 (Matthew Kremer & Joyce) ~ Fr. Paul

6:30 PM Confirmation Preparation ~ LL 106

From the Parochial Vicar: Father Joseph Nguyễn



"Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile."

Two weeks ago, I had the opportunity to go on my annual silent retreat. So, I headed to a shrine down to Lamar, Texas run by a group of Schoenstatt Sisters. It was a wonderful place to have a retreat, as it was 65 to 80 degrees every day and I had a great view of the Gulf that was only 100 yards away.

It was good to simply set everything aside for a time and to reconnect with Jesus and remember for who and why I am a priest. One of the passages I prayed with during my retreat was Mark 6:30-44. The passage begins with the apostles returning from the mission Jesus sent them on and how they tell Him about what they had done and taught in His name. To which Jesus says to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile." As a priest, I am called to cooperate with Jesus in His mission, but there is also need for rest and renewal with the Him who sends.

The days usually consisted of morning Mass, 3 hours of prayer spread throughout the day, a time for physical activity, a time for leisure, a time for study, the Rosary, and 3 square meals. I appreciated being able to just physically rest, and then also to be spiritually renewed as well. One thing I noticed during the retreat was how I missed being able to just listen to someone preach. I have been doing to a lot of the feeding, but it was good to simply be fed by Christ through His Word and His Body. I enjoyed the times of Adoration where I could just share with Jesus about the joys and struggles of ministry and to allow Him to be present. I especially, enjoyed nighttime Adoration where I am sitting in the darkness and the only source of light is fixed on Jesus in the front. Nothing but Jesus.



Altar in the Shrine Chapel

I visited the beach on a clear, but windy night with a full moon. No one else was there. While I was praying the Rosary, I remembered one of the many titles we give to Mary, which is Star of Sea, and I never fully appreciated it until that night when I experienced the vastness of the sea and the emptiness of the place. I could imagine how people must have felt with the howling wind, the crashing waves, and the darkness surrounding them. Yet their hopes were high because there was the light from the moon to guide them safely through the night. It is Mary, our blessed mother, the Star of the Sea, that guides us through the ocean of life to bring us safely to our destination. To point us to her son Jesus.

Overall, the retreat was very good. It was good to "come away to a deserted place and rest awhile." There is a renewed sense of Jesus's love and the mission that He gives. Jesus calls us to serve, but He also knows our need to be fed by Him. So, He feeds us and strengthens us to go about our mission. And more importantly, He is present with us through it all. And He gives us his blessed mother, Mary, the Star of the Sea, to help us on the journey and to guide us to Him, especially when things around us look difficult.

In Christ,

Fr. Yoseph Nguyễn



Ocean view

One the Cover: The Holy Trinity c. 1426-1428 by Masaccio located in Santa Maria Novella, Florence

In this work, we see the Trinity, with the Father holding up the crucified Son and the dove of the Holy Spirit flying in between them. This image is the visual illustration of the famous words of John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life."

~ Excerpt taken from an essay by Michael Stevens in the Word on Fire Bible

Happening at St. John's



Expectant Parents Blessing

ON THE WAY

St. John's quarterly "Expectant Parent Blessing" will be held Sunday, March 10, after

both the 8:30 am Mass and the 10:30 am Mass. Parents expecting a new baby or adopting one in the near future are invited to join us immediately after Mass in the "Garden of Life Chapel", located just across from the west confessional. Advance reservations are not required.

Sponsored by St. John's Respect Life group

Widows & Widowers

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

Caregiver's Group

For all those who are taking care of a loved one and are looking for a break, a support group, and/or a friend to lean on. We meet on March 12, from 1:00—2:30 pm in Room 204.

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 <u>Intercessory Prayer Ministry</u> will be: Saturday, March 16, after the 4:30 Mass Sunday, March 17, after the 8:30 Mass and Sunday, March 17, after the 10:30 Mass.

St. John's 'Rise' Retreat

Join us at St. John's April 12 and 13 for our all parish retreat. Speakers include Bishop Williams, Ryan O'Hara, and Father Paul. We will have Adoration,

Reconciliation, inspiring presentations, time for reflection, and much more. You can register at the Welcome Desk, on our website or by scanning the QR code. Hope to see you on this retreat!



Lent at St. John's

Fridays, March 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 9, 16, & 23

9:30 am ~ Mass

Soup Supper Prices:

- \$7 suggested donation
- March 15 hosted by St. John's Respect Life Group
- The March 15 soups will be tomato basil and minestrone—plus mac and cheese for the kids





FISH FRY

Join us on March 22, 2024 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Meal includes: Fish, mac and cheese, tater tots, cole slaw, bread and butter, bars/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, credit cards accepted.

The Knights use the proceeds towards SJB School Scholarships, Sharing and Caring Hands, Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, KOC Free Throw contest, donations to Cana Dinner, Priests for Life, the Laboure Society, and several other great organizations/events.

Men's Fellowship

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

Prophesy and Typology – DVD Series

Join us for this exciting 16-week study on Prophesy and Typology. Learn how the Old Testament foreshadows the New and The New testament fulfills the Old. This video series is led by Dr. Scott Hahn, Dr. Tim Gray, Dr. John Bergsma, Fr. Louis Merosne and Dr. Matthew Thomas

Happening at St. John's

OCIA Scrutinies—What are They?

These Rites are celebrated by the Elect (unbaptized adults) for three Sundays before Holy Week. The Rites are meant for the Elect and the parish to pray for their further conversion, protection from temptation and be given strength in Christ. This year the Rites will be celebrated at the various Mass times for the next couple weeks (8:30 am Mass on March 10 and 10:30 am Mass on March 17). These celebrations remind the whole parish community of the need to reflect on our own need to be conformed to Christ. Please keep our Elect, John Kwon and Candidates in your Lenten prayer and fasting. For more information regarding OCIA, contact Jill Fink at 651-633-1540 ext. 1280 or finkj@stjohnnyb.org.

Healthcare Professionals Hospitality

Join us for Healthcare Professionals Hospitality following the 8:30 am Mass on Sunday, March 17! Connect with others in the field, discuss current events in healthcare, and grab some Lenten materials. Find them just inside St. Joseph Hall.



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:





Save the Date

St. John's Easter Egg Hunt

Please join us on Holy Saturday, March 30 10:00 am Blessing in the West Parking Lot



- Two separate Egg Hunts based on age
- Bring your own basket or bag
- The hunt will be held outdoors—dress for the weather
- Children must be accompanied by an adult

Email Jen at <u>livermontj@stjohnnyb.org</u> with any questions.



Totus Tuus Grade School Day Program

The day program is for students entering grades 1-5 in the fall and is \$75. The program runs Monday, June 24

through Friday, June 28, 2024 from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm and includes songs, skits, games, prayer, small groups, Mass, recess and large group presentations. We will end the week with a human sundae and water fun!

Scan the QR code to register or go to our website for more information at: https://stjohnnb.com/faith-formation/totus-tuus-2/



Vacation Bible School

9:00 am—Noon Tuesday, July 16 - Thursday, July 18

Calling all heroes in training to learn to have heroic faith! VBS is a fun way to experience Christ's teachings through hands-on play, prayer, stories, crafts, snack, and playground time. Water fun on the last day!

Register online here: https://stjohnnb.com/vacation-bible-school/ or with the QR code.







Register your Middle School camper online by scanning the QR or by going to https://stjohnnb.com/faithformation/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!

We send out a weekly update on everything we have going on in St. John's Youth Ministry. Email Sarah Wilder at wilders@stjohnnyb.org to get on the list.



Confession Opportunities at St. John's

Monday – Friday 8:00 – 8:20 am
Wednesday 5:00 – 5:20 pm
Saturday 3:15 – 4:15 pm
Sunday 5:00 – 5:20 pm
(No Confessions Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday)

Communal Reconciliation for Lent – with twelve priests

Sunday, March 24 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Holy Week Confessions

Tuesday, March 26 7:00 – 8:20 am Wednesday, March 27 3:30 – 5:30 pm

Area Confession Services and Times

Church	Location	Date/s	Times
St. Odilia	Shoreview	March 15	9:00 am
Immaculate Conception	Columbia Heights	March 14 March 16	7:00 pm 3:00 pm
St. Charles	St. Anthony	Weekdays March 13 March 16	8:30 am 5:00 pm 8:30 am/3:30 pm
St. William	Fridley	March 16	4:00 pm
St. Rose of Lima	Roseville	March 16 March 17	3:00 pm 8:00 pm
St. Hedwig	Minneapolis	March 16 March 17	3:15 pm 9:30 am

Holy Week Liturgy Schedule

Good Friday, March 29

12:00 pm Stations of the Cross 3:00 pm Solemn Good Friday Liturgy (Traditional)

8:00 pm Tenebrae: A Service of Darkness and Shadows The Adoration Chapel is closed during the Triduum

Holy Saturday, March 30

10:00 am Egg Hunt (Blessing in West Parking Lot)
12:00 pm Blessing of the Food (Chapel of the Angels)
8:00 pm The Great Easter Vigil – with incense
No scheduled Confessions on Holy Saturday
No 4:30 pm Mass

Easter Sunday, March 31

7:30 am Easter Sunday Mass (Organ & Cantor) 9:30 am Easter Sunday Mass (Organ & Choir) 11:30 am Easter Sunday Mass (Organ & Cantor) No 5:30 pm Mass

Generous Spirit

The Egg Hunt needs your help!

Please drop off new or used plastic Easter Eggs at the Welcome Desk.

We would also love to have a bunny and other small farm animals at the Egg Hunt for kids to pet and take pictures with.

If you have an animal you would be willing to show please email Jen Livermont at <u>livermonti@stjohnnyb.org</u>.

Making Mats for the Homeless

Are you looking to a way to use all the plastic bags you get when shopping? Want to put them to good use? Come to hear Gail Lusvardi from St. Charles Borromeo Parish as she shares the details of crocheting mats for the homeless out of plastic bags. It's a win-win way to recycle the plastic into a useful tool! You get rid of the bags, and they are put to good use. Come on Thursday, April 4 from 1:00-3:00 pm in Room 208 and learn the steps to making it happen and maybe you'll find a new hobby. Whether you can crochet or not, we can put you to work, so don't let that stop you. If you find you like the process, St. Charles' group would love the help! So come and learn about a great outreach, bring a friend or spouse and stay for hospitality and fellowship.



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.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to make our Vigil Reception memorable for our new Catholics coming into the church and their families as well as our entire community celebration. This year the reception will focus on elegance with a dessert bar and a variety of

beverages. Volunteers are needed on Saturday, March 30 in St. Joseph Hall for the following: 3:00 pm for set up and 10:00pm for serving and clean up.

Contact Missy Berg at 651.633.8333 ext. 1227 or bergm@stjohnnyb.org.





March is Minnesota Food Share Month

In keeping with our tradition, the St. Vincent de Paul Society will again be offering grocery bags after Mass this weekend, March 9 and 10. Attached to bags will be a list of food suggestions and an enve-

lope for cash donation. You may return the filled bags to St Paul Plaza anytime before Sunday, March 17. We will distribute the collections between St. John's food shelf (open MWF from 10 am to noon) and Ralph Reeder.

In the spirit of giving, please be as generous as possible. Thank you so much for your support!

Easter Decoration Memorials

If you would like to remember someone who has died or honor someone special, we invite you to make a donation in their name(s) to the Easter Plant, Wreath & Tree Fund. Please complete this form or use the envelope included in your packet and send it with \$20 (suggested amount) to the Parish Center, or drop it in the Sunday collection.

Parish Center, or drop it in the Sunday collection. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY! In Memory of / In Honor of: From: Amount Enclosed: \$_____ ck #____ Envelope #: _____

Lenten Symbols in the Archives Case

Lent in rich in symbolism: ashes, palms, pretzels, the color purple. Learn more by viewing the Archive case up the ramp next to the Parish Library. The Archives Committee periodically changes the display with items from Saint John's Archives.



Interested in parish history? Contact the parish office to find out more about the Archives Committee.

Questions of the Week

First Reading: We hear how God reacted strongly against Israel's disobedience and infidelity, ultimately sending them to exile in Babylon. But God also showed mercy to Israel in sending king Cyrus of Persia to rescue them. As we enter the fourth Sunday of Lent, for what do you need God's mercy in your life?

Second Reading: Paul taught the Ephesians that by God's mercy and grace, we have been saved through Christ for the good works that God has prepared for us. Where in your life do you feel like you are doing God's work?

Gospel Reading: Jesus taught Nicodemus that God loves the world and desires to save it. In what ways do you show love and respect for our world?

Readings For The Week

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/ Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/ Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/ Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/ Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

St. John's Music at Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 9, 2024 Contemporary Ensemble at 4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, March 10, 2024 Men's Schola at 8:30 am Mass Cantor and Organ at 10:30 am Mass Ignite Group at 5:30 pm

Saturday, March 16, 2024 Contemporary Ensemble at 4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, March 17, 2014 Ignite Group at 8:30 am, 10:30 am, and 5:30 pm Masses

Please Pray For...

Those who have entered eternal life: Jean Isacson, Alfonso Perez, Mary Spitzka

Those who are ill:

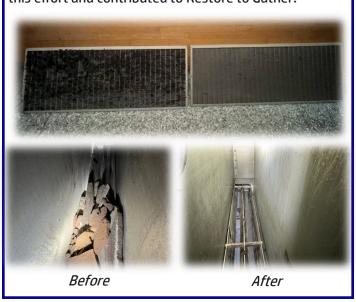
Sadlovsky Family, Sheehan Family, Cameron Santos, Madi Rippy, Sydney Jo Rippy, Jesse McDonough, Daryl Stevens, Geraldine and Gloria Hangartner, Emily Dahl, Theresa People, Josephine Schmidt, Chris Natheos, Randy Vogland, Don Lumby, Alex Pearson, Thomas Jones, Fulton Francis Dobbs, Susan Welsh, Robert 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, Michael Ferdelman, Cassie Cramer, Jon Clark, Donna Yenish, John Leibrich, Nella Pitzen, Philip Jarosz, Kay and Gary Mayer, Danielle Pratt, Claire Kriz, Carol Esterley-Ruff, Joe Brownrigg, Brigit Voss, Brandon Boss, The Viker Family, Robert Lauinger, Phyllis Norbeck, Jennifer Norbeck, 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, Margot Favre, Larry Johnson, Shawn Oglesbee, Jaeden Nguyen, MaryAnne Marshik, Ethan Smith, Stephanie Pommier, Lorene MacLean, Sharon Bowen, Jack Isacson, Sarah Miller, Larry Gillespie, Alice Mercord, Vicki Leier, Judith Hentss, Rita Amble, Barb Marti, James Simmer Jr., Bud Handzel, Eileen Rybak, Barbie Sterans, Connie Lloyd, Jodie Wolla, Lisa Szczeck Auburn, Elaine Loscheider, Joseph Wutsch

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

Parish Life

Capital Campaign Project Underway

The church's air ducts have been cleaned, and the photos below show the results of this important project in our church. There was a considerable amount of dirt and dust that was removed, so our air handling system will operate more efficiently going forward. Most of the debris in the duct work came from disintegrating foam insulation. Now that this insulation has been removed, we will not have a similar problem going forward. Please see the March 3rd bulletin article from SJB Director of Business Operations, Mark Dittman, for more details on the completion of this campaign project, made possible through the generosity of our Restore to Gather campaign supporters. See next week's bulletin for additional updates on our church renovation. Thank you again to all those who have prayed for this effort and contributed to Restore to Gather!



Sunday School

Lent at St. John's



Around the Archdiocese

Father Skluzáček's Retirement Party

Please join family and friends of Father Michael Skluzáček on April 21, 2024, to honor him as he retires from 40 plus years of service to the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. For details and registration, please scan the QR code or enter the link below.



For questions, call Rosie at: 651-247-1119.



https://www.eventcreate.com/e/frskluzacekbrunch

Catechetical Institute: School of Discipleship

Thursdays, April 4 - May 16, 7 - 9 p.m., St. Joseph the Worker, Maple Grove

Taught by Jeff Cavins, the School of Discipleship is open to all adults and teaches the basics of discipleship, how to share your faith with confidence, and how to cultivate a deeper life of prayer. In this course, students become "activated disciples" and put what they learn into practice. For more information and promotional materials visit cistudent.com.



Legion of Mary Event

Thank you for your prayerful support of the works of our Legion of Mary. Once a year, the St. Paul Comitium gathers all of our active and auxiliary members for a special service of prayer, renewal of allegiance to Mary, and Christian fellowship. We would love to see you this year at our Acies Celebration on Sunday, March 24, 2024, from 2:30-5:00 pm at St. Michael Catholic Church, located at 611 S 3rd Street, Stillwater, MN 55082.

The Acies is the single most important Legion of Mary event of the year held around the Feast of the Annunciation, which commemorates the Incarnation when God became man totally dependent on Our Blessed Mother. The Acies consists of the *Tessera* prayers, including the recitation of the Rosary. The event also includes a collective act of consecration, an *Allocutio* by Father Randal Kasel, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, and a brief reception following in the church social hall with light refreshments before departing home.

The Legion of Mary now has in excess of 10 million members worldwide, making it the largest apostolic organization of lay individuals in the Catholic Church. What an honor to be a member of this organization, also known as "Mary's Army."

For questions, please call Nancy Kiobasa (651) 373-1205 from St. Michael Church or Tom Ryan (612)-325-4452 from *St. Paul Comitium*.



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