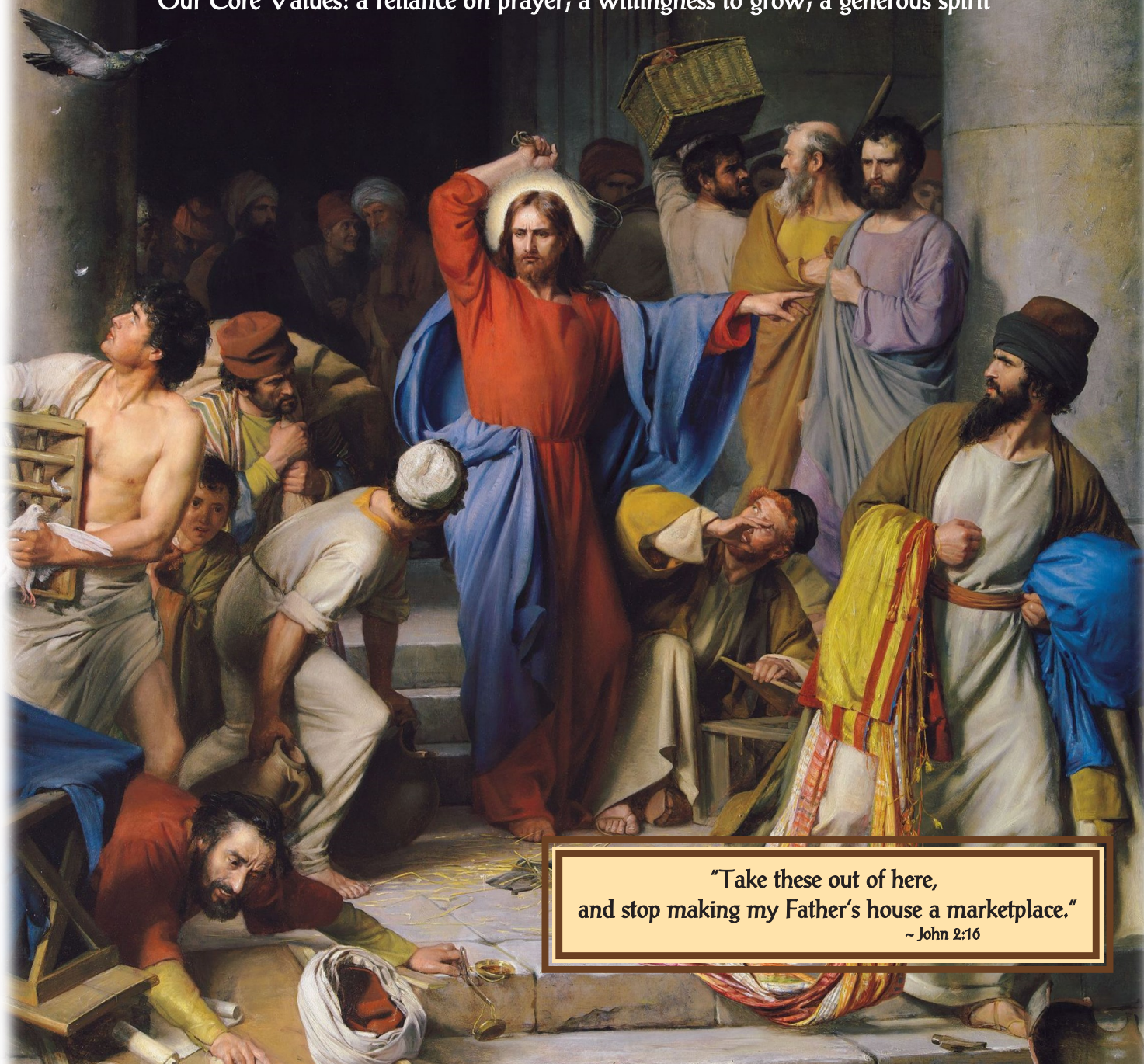


March 3, 2024
3rd Sunday of Lent

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



**"Take these out of here,
and stop making my Father's house a marketplace."**
~ John 2:16

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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

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Subscribe to our YouTube Channel <https://bit.ly/3n9WnGQ>

EMAIL: sjb@stjohnnyb.org

Visit our website: www.stjohnnb.com

Archdiocese's Victim/Survivor Assistance Program

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

Schedule of Events

Monday, March 4, 2024

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
 8:30 AM Mass (Marsha Herrs+) ~ Fr. Joseph
 9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Church
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook
 7:00 PM Baptism Preparation Class ~ 206/208
 7:00 PM Men's Schola Rehearsal ~ LL 101

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

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

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass (Miss Reina & her 4th grade class) 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 (Howard Murray+ Daws & Skager Family+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 6:00 PM Family Formation ~ St. Joseph Hall
 6:00 PM Middle School Faith Formation ~ LL 106
 8:00 PM High School D-Groups ~ LL 106

Thursday, March 7, 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 (Clarence Wilkus and Darwin Larson+) 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 8, 2024

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass (Jack Cavanaugh+) Church ~ Fr. Paul
 9:30 AM Legion of Mary ~ 211
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook
 5:00 PM K of C Fish Fry ~ St. Joseph Hall
 5:30 PM Mass (Fr. Michael Skluzacek) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross ~ Church

Saturday, March 9, 2024

9:30 AM Mass (Nancy Cepress+) Chapel of the Angels ~ Fr. Paul
 10:00 AM Altar Guild ~ Church
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook
 3:15 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 4:30 PM Vigil Mass (Rose Stevens+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 5:30 PM Hospitality ~ St. Joseph Hall
 5:30 PM New Parishioner Orientation ~ St. Joseph Hall West

Sunday, March 10, 2024

8:30 AM Mass with OCIA Second Scrutiny (Darwin Larson+) Church ~ Fr. Paul
 8:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery
 9:30 AM New Parishioner Orientation ~ St. Joseph Hall West
 10:30 AM Mass (Jim Verbrugge+) Church ~ Fr. Paul
 10:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery
 11:30 AM New Parishioner Orientation ~ St. Joseph Hall West
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook
 4:00 PM Young Adult Men's Bible Study ~ 211
 5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 5:30 PM Mass (Pro Populo) ~ Fr. Joseph
 6:30 PM New Parishioner Orientation ~ St. Joseph Hall West



Greetings and prayers for a blessed Lent to all!

Our projects have begun! As announced at Mass and elsewhere, the church's air ducts, from the air handling unit to the church diffusers in the floor and ceiling, have been cleaned. The amount of dirt and dust that was removed is considerable. We also found that some of the duct work was made of a fiber board that collected dust and dirt. On the advice of members of our Administrative Services Commission, for an additional cost we chose to have the interior of those ducts sealed with a product that will allow for smooth air flow and collect far less dust over time. All of this should improve the efficiency of our air handling system, and we may realize some utility savings. And, there is no more black stuff hanging from our church ceiling! The diffuser openings themselves will be cleaned when the ceiling is treated as part of the larger project this spring and summer.

Please find below a summary of upcoming projects and our work schedule. Negotiations and plans are still ongoing, so please note that some aspects of our renovation projects, such as exact scope, cost and timing, are still subject to change. Our parish leadership is committed to best serving our parishioners by being good stewards of campaign gifts and fulfilling the mission of the church and school with these improvements.

Church Renovations

A new acoustical spray overlay on the ceiling. This will brighten up the ceiling and vertical space that is sprayed now, and will retain the sound absorption quality that is necessary due to the reverberation of sound in our church interior.

Renovation and updating of the church's HVAC system. Major components of this system date to the late 1960's. These upgrades will ensure the reliability, longevity and efficiency of our church's heating and cooling systems. We have several in-parish experts in this field that are working closely with our contractor on determining exactly what improvements are needed.

Pew removal, refinishing and reinstalling. Our pews took a beating with COVID, and of course they have served us very well for more than 50 years. It is time to give them a refreshed finish. We will match the existing color and we have determined that it is more cost effective to simply replace the kneelers rather than refinish them. The new kneelers will have a steel framework and a vinyl pad, the colors of which are under consideration by parish leaders.

A new church sound system. Our current system is more than 20 years old. Adding a new layer of acoustical spray is a good time to replace the sound system, since the new system will be designed with the new conditions in mind and the speakers and other components that are mounted high in the sanctuary can be easily placed due to the presence of the scaffolding, saving us future expense.

Ambulatory ceilings (east/west walkway areas). While we have scaffolding or lifts in the church interior, we will patch and paint three water damaged portions of the ceilings above the walkways on the east and west sides of the church.

Terrazzo floor. While the pews are removed, we will clean and polish our existing terrazzo floor, which is original to the church and is in very good condition for 56 years of foot traffic.

School Renovations

School restrooms. The school's eight restrooms will be renovated and updated to better serve our students and families.

School carpeting. Fourteen school classrooms and hallways will be recarpeted to replace stained and worn carpeting. The carpeting has sound reduction benefits and enhances the variety of activities that take place in our classrooms.

School playground. A new rubber surface will increase our children's safety on the playground and reduce the amount of wood chips that are tracked into our building. Playground plans are in process and more details will be shared in upcoming months.

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Work Schedule

Church upgrades would be completed in a phased approach, on an approximately eight-week cycle:

May and June 2024

Church projects are planned to begin the week of May 6 with **Phase I**, which would be working in the west one-third of the church. The pews in the west pie section will be removed for refinishing, and the ceiling in that one-third of the church would be sprayed. Scaffolding would be set up to facilitate this. Before the pews are reinstalled, the floor will be cleaned. Mass would still be held in the church during this time.

July and August 2024

The center sections of pews will be removed in **Phase II**, and that portion of the ceiling sprayed. The church would not be accessible for Mass for these eight weeks, and will most likely be held in St. Joseph Hall. During all phases the floor will be cleaned at the opportune time and the sound system components would be installed when access to the higher parts of the sanctuary is available.

September and October 2024

Phase III would involve the east pie section and the St. John the Baptist Icon section just east of the altar area. All the same will happen here—the pews removed, the ceiling sprayed, sound system components installed and the floor cleaned. We anticipate Mass returning to the church at this time—roughly the first week of September. Overall completion would be targeted for October 31.

HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning)

While all of this is going on, the HVAC upgrades would be happening largely out of sight, in the building's infrastructure. In our planning and determination of project scope, we will do our best to minimize any disruption to our building's air conditioning. The target date for completion of our HVAC improvements would be prior to the heating season in the fall.

School Projects

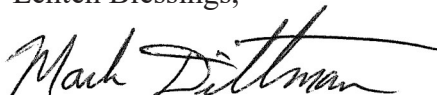
School restroom renovation would begin in May, with the restrooms near the cafeteria on the lower level being upgraded first, with students in that area using the lower level restrooms of the adjacent Parish Center during that time. Then, when school is out, those new restrooms would be available for our summer J-Care program and the rest of the school's restrooms would be worked on with no students in those other parts of the building. Some of our **school carpeting** was replaced during our recent Christmas break. The remaining sections will be completed in early summer. The timeline for the **school playground** is still in the planning phase.

General Contractor

We are working to finalize the contract with [JT Egner Construction](http://www.jteegner.com) (www.jteegner.com) and are now assembling costs, so final cost projections are not available. As we review details our project will come into sharper focus and the costs will become better known. Parish leadership is committed to managing the project and the expenditures very well. Watch for more information soon on project costs as well as our campaign income.

Thank you for your commitment to SJB and this important effort in the life of the parish! Thank you for relying on prayer and asking the Holy Spirit to guide all the decisions around the project, being willing to grow and flexible through the disruption of the renovations, and living out of a generous spirit and supporting the **Restore to Gather** Capital Campaign. It's an exciting time for St. John the Baptist Church & School!

Lenten Blessings,



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

Soup Supper Prices:

- \$7 suggested donation



Sponsored by:
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New Brighton, Minnesota



FISH FRY

Join us on March 8 & 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, and 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.

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.

Young at Heart Senior Group

Meeting next on March 7, the 1st Thursday of the month, from 2:00 pm—4:00 pm in Room 210.

Contact Mary at 763.242.4229 or 651.633.8333 x1229 with comments or questions.

Building Bridges Liberia

Go... Make... Teach...in Liberia. Parishioner, Naomi Hard, will leave this week for her annual ministry trip to Kakata, Liberia. Through her non-profit, Building Bridges Liberia, Naomi hopes to teach in Catholic and Protestant churches and unpack the 19 barrels of books shipped last November and share them with churches, schools and the multi-room library at the nearly-finished St. Martin de Porres Catholic Community Center. Please stop by her display table in St Paul Plaza and pick up a prayer guide and join her in prayer for the Lord to work mightily during this ministry trip. Naomi Hard, call/text 612-616-7907.



OCIA Scrutiny's—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 three weeks (5:30 pm Mass on March 3; 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 finki@stjohnnyb.org.



Happening at St. John's



March Family Formation Parent Program

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6
6:00-7:30PM ST. JOSEPH HALL

Sacrament of Reconciliation

We'll continue our two part series on how the Holy Spirit makes actual spiritual renewal through the healing sacraments of the Church. Deacon Gary Schneider will focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation and how the Holy Spirit wants to heal us. All adults are welcome.



Expectant Parents Blessing March 10

St. John's quarterly "Expectant Parent Blessing" will be held next 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

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, March 11 at 11:30 am at the Perkins on County Rd.

Job Openings at St. John's

- Part-time Custodian
- High School Youth Minister
- Middle School ELA and Religion Teacher
- Assistant Preschool Teachers

For more information on these, or to apply, please see the Job Opportunities page on our parish website: <https://stjohnnb.com/contact/job-opportunities/>

Circle of Women



Thursday, March 7, 2024

upstairs in Room 206/208 at 9:15 am-11:30 am

We welcome women of all ages to our gathering on Thursday, March 7, 2024. Our guest speaker will be Catherine Mollner, who will present "Finding Resiliency" 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!



Young Adult Corner

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Party

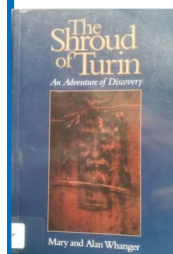
Saturday March 16th 6pm

A potluck style dinner will be hosted at a parishioner's house. Bring a Side, Dessert, or Drink to share.

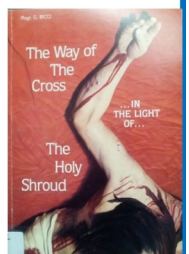
Email Sarah Wilder for more details
wilders@stjohnnyb.org

We consider Young Adults to be anyone ages 18-35

Parish Library News



What did Jesus really look like? How much did He suffer in His Passion? The Shroud of Turin bears the miraculous image of Jesus crucified from His tomb, made at the moment of the Resurrection equivalent to the power of an atomic



bomb. Check out our DVDs and books on this and learn more.

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

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 livermontj@stjohnnyb.org 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 play-ground time. Water fun on the last day!

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



Generous Spirit

Special Note about Sunday Giving

The *Restore to Gather* Capital Campaign has been an important focus these last few months at St. John the Baptist. This past November, when we requested support for major capital improvements for our church and school, we paused from our usual **Core Commitment** campaign. Even though we didn't ask parishioners to commit to Sunday Giving for 2024, please know that your ongoing support for this important fund for church operating expenses is also critical for the health of our parish.

We are very close to our Sunday Giving budget for the current year, thanks to the ongoing generosity of many parishioners and friends. This support is greatly appreciated so that we can keep the lights on, offer engaging programs, and gather to witness in so many ways as a community of faith.

We will invite parishioners once again to commit to our core values – reliance on prayer, willingness to grow, and living with a generous spirit – in Fall 2024.

In the meantime, thank you for your prayers, service, and continued financial support to keep our parish strong!



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 next weekend, March 9 and 10. Attached to bags will be a list of food suggestions and an envelope 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!

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.

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 18, 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 open—Sign up with the QR code or online at stjohnnb.com/registrations/*



Extreme Team is for 10th-12th graders who are ready to lead or co-lead a small group at camp. *Applications open—Sign up with the QR code or online at stjohnnb.com/registrations/*



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH EVENTS

FEB
14TH, 2024

ASH WEDNESDAY PRAISE
AND WORSHIP 8-9:30PM

MAR
20TH, 2024

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
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

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

Mondays ~ Fridays at 8:00 am
Wednesdays at 5:00 pm
Saturdays at 3:15 pm
Sundays at 5: pm

Area Confession Services and Times

Church	Location	Date/s	Times
St. Odilia	Shoreview	March 8	9:00 am
Immaculate Conception	Columbia Heights	March 7 March 9	7:00 pm 3:00 pm
St. Charles	St. Anthony	Weekdays March 6 March 9	8:30 am 5:00 pm 8:30 am/3:30 pm
St. William	Fridley	March 9	4:00 pm
St. Rose of Lima	Roseville	March 9 March 10	3:00 pm 8:00 pm
St. Hedwig	Minneapolis	March 9 March 10	3:15 pm 9:30 am

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.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

In Memory of / In Honor of:

From:

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ ck # _____

Envelope #: _____

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:

Tuesday: 6 pm

Wednesday: 6 am, 10 pm, 11 pm

Thursday: 2 am

Friday: 9 am, 1 pm, 10 pm

Saturday: 5 am, 9 am, 11 am, Noon, 3 pm

Email sjbadoration@gmail.com

with any questions



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

Questions of the Week

First Reading: The “10 Commandments” given to Moses at Mount Sinai reveal God’s moral and ethical expectations for Israel. Which of these Commandments do you personally find most challenging to follow?

Second Reading: Early in his letter to the Corinthians, Paul speaks of his firm conviction in the power and wisdom of his proclamation, “Christ crucified.” What are you confident about in your faith life?

Gospel Reading: Jesus’ deep passion (“zeal”) for the Jerusalem Temple led to his strong (and violent) reaction to what he witnessed in the Temple. What is something you feel passionate about as it relates to your faith?

Readings For The Week

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

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/
Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/
Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14
and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/
Lk 18:9-14

Next 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

St. John's Music at Mass Schedule

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

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

Please Pray For...

Those who have entered eternal life:

Patricia Haggerty

Those who are ill:

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Around the Archdiocese

Father Skluzacek's Retirement Party

Please join family and friends of Father Michael Skluzacek 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/frskluzacek-brunch>



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*.

The Catholic Athletic Association is celebrating 75 Years

The Catholic Athletic Association (CAA) is celebrating its 75th Anniversary on **Monday, April 15, 2024**. The event will honor **Hannah Brandt, Joe Mauer and the Mauer Family**. The event will also honor the families of the organization's founders - Fr. Otto Neudecker, Bob Doran, and John Hajlo. Registration and sponsorship opportunities for this event can be found at www.stpaulcaa.org. Help share the stories and memories of the CAA by sharing your photos, jerseys or other memorabilia.



For more information contact Megan Jacobson at megan.jacobson@stpaulcaa.org or (651) 321-1013.





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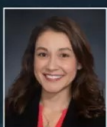

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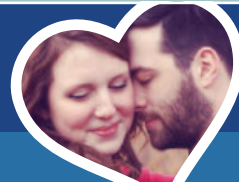
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