

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

Congratulations Confirmands

Come Holy Spirit!

Connor Agudo (St. Nicholas)
Emma Berntson (St. Marcellin Champagnat)
Azelle Besemann (St. Maria Goretti)
Arlo Brinkman (St. Rita)
Hanna Cao (St. Dymphna)
Lily Carlson (St. Vitus)
Cole Carroll (St. Moses the Black)
Charlotte Collins (St. Agnes)
Phillip David (St. Anthony of Padua)
John Donohoo (St. Padre Pio)
Ella Emslander (St. Therese of Lisieux)
Hailey Englund (St. Dismas)
Rachel Englund (St. Cecilia)
Peter Etnier (St. Patrick)
Lauren Gilsrud (St. Sabastian)
Patience Gisemba (St. Anastasia)
Samuel Gorton (St. Francis of Assisi)
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Grant Hartin (St. Sabastian)
Breonna Hurry (St. Honore)
Ryder Jacobs (St. Francis)

Ava Litecky (St. Teresa of Avila)
Jacob Litecky (St. Christopher)
Sarah Lumaya (St. Josephine Bakhita)
Nolan Marsh (St. Joseph)
Grace McCord (St. Mary Magdala)
Amelia Muellner (St. Michael (Michaela))
Ellie Olsen (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)
Amelia Saylor (St. Therese of Lisieux)
Rosemary Schmitz (Blessed Chiara Luce Badano)
Emily Slack (St. Teresa of Avila)
Adaliene Stenzel (St. Mary Magdala)
Henry Stoa Swenson (St. Henry)
Olivia Tapp (St. Catherine of Bologna)
Chloe Valle (St. Pedro Calungsod)
Audrey Weeks (St. Emily Vialar)
Amelia White (St. Catherine of Siena)
Pierson Willmert (St. Hubertus)
Olivia Woolf (St. Catherine of Alexandria)
Taylor Young (St. Michael the Archangel)

*Our Confirmation Students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Tuesday at the St. Paul Cathedral.
Please keep our 2024 Confirmation Class in your prayers!*

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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:

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Follow us on Instagram: @stjohnnyb_church

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, April 15, 2024

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
8:30 AM Mass (Maria Rose+, Joseph Nguyen+, and Maria Trinh+)
~ Fr. Joseph
9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Church
3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook
7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal ~ LL 101

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
8:30 AM Mass (Larry Wasik+, Alfonso Perez+, Phero Nguyen Van Thong+, and Amria Nguyen Thi Mang+) Church
~ Fr. Joseph
9:00 AM Kidz Closet ~ 203
2:00 PM Library Committee Meeting ~ Library
2:30 PM Middle School D-Groups ~ LL 106
3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook
7:00 PM Confirmation ~ St. Paul Cathedral

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass (Jackie Flores and Kyrstelle Frederick) Church
~ Fr. Paul
9:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks ~ St. Therese
9:30 AM Faithfully Fit ~ 210
3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook
5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
5:30 PM Mass (Joe Modesette+ and Richard Brennan+) Chapel of the Angels ~ Fr. Joseph
6:00 PM Family Formation Catechist Training ~ 210
6:00 PM Middle School Faith Formation ~ LL 106
7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting ~ 211
8:00 PM High School D-Group ~ LL 106

Thursday, April 18, 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 (James Simmer Jr. and Margie Gottwalt) Church
~ Fr. Paul
9:15 AM Circle of Women ~ 206/208
3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook
7:00 PM OCIA Class ~ 206/208

Friday, April 19, 2024

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass (Zoya Lyublinska and Stephen Lauinger) Church
~ Fr. Paul
9:30 AM Legion of Mary ~ 211
3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook

Saturday, April 20, 2024

3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook
3:15 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
4:30 PM Vigil Mass (Colleen Judd+ and Joseph Nguyen+) Church
~ Fr. Joseph
5:30 PM Hospitality ~ St. Joseph Hall/St. Paul Plaza
5:30 PM Intercessory Prayer Ministry ~ Chapel of the Angels

Sunday, April 21, 2024

8:30 AM Mass (Otaner Daminion+) Church ~ Fr. Paul
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 (Joseph Nguyen+) 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 First Eucharist Retreat ~ Church
3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook
5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
5:30 PM Mass (Pro Populo) Church ~ Fr. Paul
6:30 PM Confirmation Preparation ~ LL 106



Restore to Gather Project Update

Greetings and prayers for a wonderful Easter season to all!

As I reported several weeks ago, some portions of our *Restore to Gather* projects have begun, some have vendors and plans in place, and other parts are in the planning stage. Since we launched the campaign in the fall of 2023, the Administrative Services Commission has led our efforts to review and refine exactly what improvements will best serve our church and school. This process has affirmed our decision to implement needed upgrades as listed below.

I'm happy to report that we have signed a contract with JT Egner Construction for the church interior for the following improvements:

Project	Description
Church ceiling	Apply new acoustical treatment & clean diffusers
Church HVAC	Install new equipment to replace aging and outdated mechanicals
Sound System	Utilize latest technology to improve listener experience for music and spoken word
Pews and Kneelers	Refinish pews and bevel the leading edge of seats. Replace kneelers. Repair book racks and envelope holders and match to the pews.
Terrazzo Floors	Clean and polish terrazzo floor

Other projects with plans underway and/or currently in negotiation:

Project	Description
Stained glass above the Baptistry	Replace two cracked interior panes
Church Air conditioning unit	Reserve funds for future replacement of church chilling unit
East Parking Lot	Resurface and re-stripe east lot for handicapped parking
School Restrooms	Upgrade and renovate 70 year-old restroom facilities
School Carpeting	Replace worn and stained carpet
School Playground	Install rubber surface for safety and improved maintenance
School Operations Endowment	Establish a perpetual fund for school operations

We are tracking the expenses of the contracted and planned items, and we are confident we can accomplish all of this within the generosity of our *Restore to Gather* donors. A more comprehensive financial summary will be provided once the larger planned pieces are decided and contracted later this spring. Please note, however, that early Finance Commission review of our campaign and project cash flow indicates that we may need to create a line of credit to complete the projects this year. If enough donors fulfill their campaign pledges sooner rather than later, it can substantially reduce our need to use a line of credit. Our parish leadership, in the form of our Administrative Services, Finance, Worship, Parish Development and School Advisory Commissions and our Parish Pastoral Leadership Council, will be guiding the planning, review and communication of necessary project and financial decisions.

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Restore to Gather Project Update (*continued*)

Below is our estimated timeline for the church interior projects:

Project timeline	Sunday Mass location	Project description
Phase I (May 6 – June 30)	Church – seating in center and eastside pews	Pews removed on the west side and one quarter of the west center section, scaffolding placed, ceiling restored, floor polished, and sound system installed. Refinished pews re-installed.
Phase II (July 1 – August 31)	St. Joseph’s Hall	Center section pews removed and renovation completed as above
Phase III (September 1 – October 31)	Church – seating in center and westside pews	Eastside pews removed and renovation completed as above

Please note that the music and choir area of the church will be inaccessible during Phase I. The musicians and choir members will be relocated elsewhere in the church during this time. Daily Mass will be in the chapel beginning that first week of May. At least one confessional will also be closed for much of this time; a suitable second confession location will be determined.

While our church interior is being renewed, we will experience some short-term inconvenience. Please remember, however, that the long-term gain will be substantial—a restored space to gather to worship our Lord and celebrate the Mass together as a community!

It is helpful to recall Father Paul’s message to all of us in his homily on our *Restore to Gather* Commitment Weekend January 20/21:

- Pray for the success of this campaign, our planning, the safety of the workers and God’s blessings on all of our efforts.
- Be flexible as we navigate the changes we will experience through the renovation process—changes in our music ministry, the location of our Masses and our confessionals, the presence of scaffolding and other signs of work in our sacred space.
- Make a commitment to *Restore to Gather* if you have not done so already, and please continue to support our Sunday offertory so we can remain financially strong as a parish community.

This entire project, from its funding through its planning all the way to its completion, is truly a St. John the Baptist community effort. What a blessing it has been to see the work of God carried out by so many gifted people. Thank you all!

Let us Restore to Gather!



Director of Business Operations




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

To make a pledge or a donation to Restore to Gather, go to this page on our website: <https://stjohnnb.com/donate/campaign/>.

For additional background on the projects and the anticipated schedule, please see my [March 3, 2024 bulletin article](#).

Happening at St. John's




Circle of Women

Thursday, April 18, 2024
upstairs in Room 206/208 at 9:15 am-11:30 am

We welcome women of all ages to our gathering on Thursday, April 18, 2024. Our guest speaker will be Marge Blenkush and she will present "A Spiritual Journey: Never a Straight Line." 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!



Thinking of Becoming Catholic?

Becoming Catholic
OCIA Information Session

Sunday, April 28
9:30 am
(time convenient between the morning Masses)
in St. Joseph Hall

no registration necessary
come for information for yourself or to give to a friend



For more information contact
Jill Fink
Director of Discipleship
651.633.1540 ext 1280 or
finkj@stjohnnyb.org



Parish Library News



He is Risen!!! What might it have been like in the days after the Resurrection of Jesus? How big is God's Mercy for us? Check out DVDs: The Resurrection, The Robe, The Final Inquiry, Ben Hur, One Who Was There, Acts, Barabbas, Quo Vadis, and more. Check out books and DVDs on Divine Mercy.



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

Books, DVDs, and CDs to enrich your faith.
St. John the Baptist Parish Library

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

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



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, APRIL 20, after the 4:30 Mass
Sunday, APRIL 21, after the 8:30 Mass and
Sunday, APRIL 21, 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

Anointing Mass

Saturday, April 28 at 10:30am, brunch to follow. Everyone welcome who is need of healing. Father will anoint each person there during the Mass. Then join us in St. Joseph's Hall for brunch before heading out for the day. Hope to see you there! Hosted by the Office of Pastoral Ministry.

Council of Catholic Women

Our next meeting is April 29 in room 211. We will be having a potluck. Please bring something to share. Come and help us finish out this calendar year.

SAVE THE DATE ~ June 23 for our ice cream social and the Dixieland Band.

Contact Theresa Cermak 763-786-7051 or by email thesacermak100@gmail.com

Happening at/around St. John's

Join Fr. Paul

for the Abria Race, Run, or Walk for Life
10k, 5k, Walk & Fun Run on Saturday, May 11, 2024



Mother's Day Weekend
Lake Harriet, Minneapolis
9 am—noon

Register now at supporters.abria.org/run or by scanning the QR code



Disciple Maker Index

St. John's is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ in our parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith. The very first step in this process involves assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities, and that is where the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) comes in! The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at St. John's. The Disciple Maker Index is designed to:

- Invite parishioners to reflect on their journey of discipleship.
- Enable parish leadership to make data-driven decisions.
- Help parishioners grow in their faith.



The 10–15-minute survey can be accessed through an online link and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide your perspective on our parish's efforts to help you grow in relationship with Christ. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. We will share the link with you a bit closer to the launch of the survey. Paper surveys will also be available for those who do not have the ability to complete the survey online.

Our DMI Survey link will go live on April 16. Watch for a special email to access it electronically. The weekend of April 20-21 the link will be accessible via QR code. Members of the Discipleship and Mission Commission will be available after all Masses to assist. Questions can be directed to Jill Fink, Director of Discipleship at finkj@stjohnnyb.org or 651.633.1540 ext. 1280.

Source and Summit Eucharistic Procession

Monday, May 27, 12:45-4:00 pm

The Saint Paul Seminary to Cathedral of St. Paul, St. Paul The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith, as the catechism of the Catholic church so famously proclaims. In this section of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, we will walk down Summit Avenue with our source, the Holy Eucharist. Please join our bishops, The Saint Paul Seminary, and Catholics from across the Archdiocese for this historic walk. Go to archspm.org/source-and-summit-eucharistic-procession for more information.

Stay Alert!

For your safety and awareness, please lock your car in our parking lot and keep valuables out of sight.

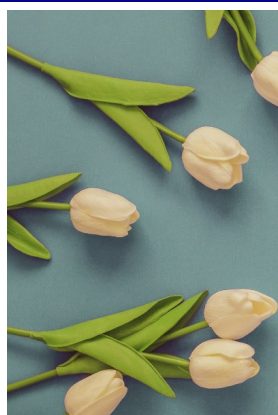
Young Adult Corner

Young Adult Men's Small Group

Sundays 4:00 pm—5:30
pm in Room 211

Consider joining the young adult men's group which meets on Sundays from 4-5:30 pm in room 211.

If you are a young man looking to dive deeper into your faith and/or looking for brotherhood and community please come and join us!



Young Adult Dinner & Social Saturday April 20th 6pm

Potluck Style Dinner, Games, & Social time
Bring a Side, Drink, or Dessert to share

Hosted at a Parishioner's
house in Lino Lakes

For Address, Info, and Questions
Email wilders@stjohnnyb.org

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! See the QR code:



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.

Mason

Parents: George & Jill Konstantenides

Jaxson*

Parents: Jared and Crystal Yates

Bryce*

Parents: Jared and Crystal Yates

*Pictured below with the OCIC group



OCIA Congratulations!

Congratulations to all our new Catholics enrolled in our Becoming Catholic OCIA process. They celebrated the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and first communion at The Great Vigil on March 30. May they continue to walk as disciples of Jesus Christ. Contact Jill Fink, Director of Discipleship regarding Becoming Catholic OCIA at finkj@stjohnnyb.org or 651.633.1540 ext. 1280.



OCIC Congratulations!

Congratulations to our students enrolled in our Order of Christian Initiation of Children (OCIC) program who received the Sacraments of Baptism and First Communion on Sunday, April 7 Divine Mercy. If you have an older child desiring the sacraments contact Deacon Michael Lane, Sacrament Coordinator at lanem@stjohnnyb.org or 651.633.1540 ext. 1219.

2024 Food Drive A Big Success

The St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf would like to thank all participants who made donations. Your overwhelming generosity exceeded last year's totals with 4154 lbs of food and \$2605 in cash donations this year. We are truly blessed. An extra thank you goes to the volunteers who loaded and transported donations to Ralph Reeder. With everyone's help the 2024 Food Drive was truly a BIG SUCCESS!!

Sponsored by St Vincent DePaul Society



Job Openings at St. John's

- Part-time Custodian
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Coordinator
- 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/>

Mass Intentions:

- Stipends per Mass intention are \$10 .
- A Mass intention can be requested no more than three months out. For example, if you would like a Mass intention for April, the earliest you can request that date is the first open office day in January. Please keep in mind your preferred date may not be available.
- Only 2 Mass intentions per person, per month will be taken.
- We are now taking July intentions.

Find Father!

Everyone, hidden somewhere in this bulletin there is a picture of our Pastor, Fr. Paul. If you can find it; you win a prize!

All you have to do is bring your bulletin to Joseph Huebl, Communications Coordinator at SJB, and show him the picture for your choice of a saint holy card! Joseph is in the parish office weekdays 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Please stop by any time in that window to claim your prize!

The picture of Father looks like this:

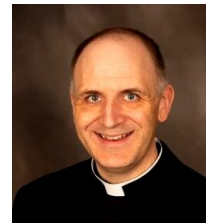


Save the Date

Deacon Derek Gilde's Ordination

Saturday May 25, 2024 at 10:00 am at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, 239 Selby Ave. St. Paul, MN 55102

Deacon Derek was our Deacon Intern in the summer of 2023



New Brighton Memorial Day Parade

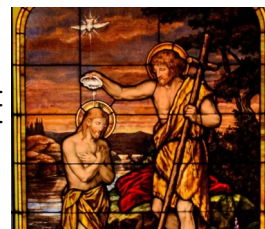
Date: May 27, 2024 10:00 am- Noon

Where: Parade starts at New Brighton City Hall and ends at St. John's Cemetery

Feast of St. John the Baptist

Thursday, June 27 is the St. John The Baptist Feast Day Picnic event. There will be Mass and Dinner followed by a party!

All are welcome!



TOTUS TUUS
"Totally Yours"

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: www.stjohnnb.com.



Rising 6th-12th Graders Program

Sunday, June 23-Thursday June 27, 2024 6 pm-8 pm

All rising 6th-12th graders are invited to sign up for Totus Tuus! It is a week long evening program for our youth to grow in their faith this summer! The cost is \$25 per student which covers snacks, a t-shirt, and a meal for Sunday night. The program will include games, talks and messages about God, times of prayer and small group discussion.

Scan the QR code to register or go to our website: www.stjohnnb.com.



St. John's FallFest and Booya

Be sure to join us when fall rolls around here at St. John's for our annual FallFest and Booya Celebration! The dates are September 27, 28, and 29.

Incense Schedule

We will have incense at Mass on

- † Sunday, May 19 at 10:30 am
- † Sunday, May 26 at 10:30 am
- † Monday, May 27 at 9:00 am for Memorial Day



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:

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

Sunday 9 pm



Email sjbadoration@gmail.com with any questions.

Questions of the Week

First Reading: Peter challenges the religious leaders of Jerusalem who put Jesus to death to repent of their sins and be converted. Have you ever seen someone have a conversion to the Faith?

Second Reading: John tells us that we should turn to Jesus, our Advocate, when we sin and fail to keep his commandments. Can you think of a time when you sought Jesus in a time of need?

Gospel Reading: The resurrected Jesus taught the disciples how they were witnesses to the Scriptures being fulfilled in his suffering, death, and resurrection and that forgiveness of sins was to be preached in his name. How might you share your faith this week at home or at work?

Readings For The Week

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/ 1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/ Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/ Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/ Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/ Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

St. John's Music Schedule

Saturday, April 13, 2024

Cantor and Organ at 4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Men's Schola at 8:30 am Mass

Contemporary Ensemble at 10:30 am Mass

Ignite Group at 5:30 pm Mass

Saturday, April 20, 2024

Cantor and Organ at 4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Ignite Group at 8:30 am, 10:30 am and 5:30 pm Masses

Please Pray For...

Those who have entered eternal life:

Kathryn Henry

Those who are ill:

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Gather to Witness in the Mission Fields

an update from Madison Deutscher, former SJB NET Missionary
and current Damascus Missionary

Hello 2024!

Happy New year! I hope that you and your family had a Merry Christmas and a Blessed Easter! It is so crazy to reflect on the past year and see the goodness of the Lord in all things! I am grateful for the ways that I have grown and continue to grow here at Damascus in the roles I have been given. Last semester I was able to lead a lot of small groups and also participate in onstage ministry. This year I am excited to have new roles where I will be giving talks, emceeing, acting in skits, and leading/loving the women in my household. I have been reflecting on love a lot recently and something that has been so profound is that the opposite of love is not hatred, but fear. And this semester I don't want to hold anything back, and I want to love fearlessly!

TESTIMONY

Before Christmas break, I led a small group of inner city girls. Coming into this retreat, the girls were honest and shared that they didn't believe in God (or want to be here). A lot of the girls come from hard home lives and have experienced so much hurt and pain in the past. Seeing, hearing, knowing, and loving each girl made space for them to encounter the love of Jesus. It was such a gift to be with them, and I was filled with so much love for them. My heart broke for them and while they walked away from the retreat feeling loved, I was also filled with a greater love for the mission and the people I am blessed to minister to.

JOY-FILLED

Mother Teresa said that joy is a net by which we can catch souls - and this remains true in and through our missionary community. Joy is not just a result, outcome, or fruit of our work; it is not just smiling when things turn difficult. It's a key part of who we are. To be a Damascus missionary means to be Jesus-Centered, Mission-Focused, Joy-Filled, Obedient, and a Toilet Plunger. We believe that to live these mindsets to the fullest will propel us into the life of holiness and mission that we are called to. Joy, then, is an indispensable part of the mission of Damascus. In these winter months, many aspects of missionary life put our joy to the test. For our missionaries, it could be retreat activities that require frequent forays into the cold, or ministering to high school students in their struggles or apathy. But authentic joy is not determined by circumstance. It comes from a hope that lies beyond this world. In this life, there will always be things that seek to steal our joy. But when we embrace a deep and unshakeable joy, it invites others to discover the real love and mercy of Jesus Christ. Thank you for taking joy and choosing hope in the mission of Damascus. We pray that you are sustained in your joy by the One who provides for every need!

WHAT'S NEXT?

- The Outpouring: May 4
- Men's Retreat: April 5-7
- Sports Trivia Cup: April 13
- Women's Retreat: April 19-21



Pastoral group reunion!

God bless and thank you,

Madison Deutscher



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