

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



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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	Closed after Mass
Friday	Closed after Mass
Saturday	9:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

LIBRARY HOURS

Open after all weekend Masses

Church Nursery: We offer year-round nursery during both the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Sunday Masses for children ages 1-3.

Stay Connected:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SJBNewBrighton/>

Instagram: @stjohnnyb_church

YouTube: <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, December 2, 2024

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
8:00 AM Confession ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass ~ Church ~ Fr. Derek
9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Church
3:00 PM Transformed by the Eucharist Devotion ~ Facebook
7:00 PM Baptism Preparation Class ~ 206/208

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass ~ Church ~ Fr. Paul
9:00 AM Kidz Closet ~ 203
1:30 PM Caregivers Ministry ~ 204
2:00 PM Library Committee Meeting ~ Library
2:30 PM Middle School Youth Room ~ LL 106
3:00 PM Transformed by the Eucharist Devotion ~ Facebook
6:00 PM Catholic Watchmen ~ St. Joseph Hall
7:00 PM SVdP Society Meeting ~ 210

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM School Mass ~ Church ~ Fr. Paul
9:30 AM Faithfully Fit ~ 210
3:00 PM Transformed by the Eucharist Devotion ~ Facebook
5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
5:30 PM Mass ~ Chapel of the Angels ~ Fr. Derek
6:00 PM Family Formation ~ St. Joseph Hall
6:00 PM Middle School Bible Study/Faith Formation ~ LL 106
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal ~ LL 101
8:00 PM High School D-Groups ~ LL 106

Thursday, December 5, 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 ~ Church ~ Fr. Paul
9:15 AM Circle of Women ~ 206/208
2:00 PM Young at Heart ~ 210
3:00 PM Transformed by the Eucharist Devotion ~ Facebook
7:00 PM OCIA Class ~ 206/208

Friday, December 6, 2024

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
8:30 AM Mass ~ Church ~ Fr. Derek
9:30 AM Legion of Mary ~ 211
3:00 PM Transformed by the Eucharist Devotion ~ Facebook

Saturday, December 7, 2024

K of C Coffee Sales and Library Book Fair in Plaza
7:30 AM Our Lady of Guadalupe Pilgrimage Buses Leave
~ West Parking Lot
8:30 AM Mass ~ Church ~ Fr. Paul
3:00 PM Transformed by the Eucharist Devotion ~ Facebook
3:15 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
4:30 PM Anticipatory Mass ~ Church ~ Fr. Derek

Sunday, December 8, 2024

K of C Coffee Sales and Library Book Fair in Plaza
8:30 AM Mass ~ Church ~ Fr. Derek
8:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery
8:30 AM Sunday School ~ School Classrooms
10:30 AM Mass ~ Church ~ Fr. Paul
10:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery
10:30 AM Sunday School ~ School Classrooms
4:45 PM Transformed by the Eucharist Devotion ~ Facebook
5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
5:30 PM Mass ~ Church ~ Fr. Paul
7:00 PM Confirmation Preparation ~ LL 106



Advent is now upon us

The Lord is transforming us this year and raising us up into the saints He desires us to become. As the bread and wine are transformed on the altar, the Lord desires to transform our minds and hearts at Holy Mass. He invites us to see as He sees when we understand His word and see the many God-incidences in our lives. He desires us to love as He loves when we reflect and receive the tremendous gift of Himself in the Eucharist. We are transformed by one yes at a time by doing God's will.

This Advent we will be adding Mass on Saturday mornings at 8:30 am. We are also offering adoration with praise and worship music after the 8:30 am Mass on Sunday, December 8. We are offering a beautifully sung choral Mass on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 7:00 pm on Monday, December 9 as well as a chanted solemn Mass on Wednesday, December 11 at 5:30 pm in the Chapel of the Angels. These are added opportunities for us to be transformed by the Miracle of the Mass as we prepare for the Miracle of Christ's coming at Christmas.

God desires to dwell here at SJB in our beautifully transformed church but also in each person that comes through our doors. Take advantage of the many confession opportunities and be transformed through confession this Advent.

One Christmas gift suggestion is to give the gift of retreat to a loved one. We have our Men's retreat the weekend of January 10-12, 2025, and our Women's Retreat the weekend of February 14-16, 2025. Once again, these will be held at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Prior Lake and will be open to any registered SJB parishioner. Registration for the Men's Retreat will be opening this week.

As you prepare your hearts and your homes for Christmas, we look forward to celebrating Christ's birth with you! Please watch your mailboxes for a letter very similar to this article that will include a full schedule of all of our Advent and Christmas Season Masses, extra Confession times, and events.

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

Father Paul Shovelain

Advent at St. John's

Advent Mass Schedule

December 1-December 24

Monday-Saturday	8:30 am
Wednesday	5:30 pm
Saturday	4:30 pm
Sunday	8:30 am, 10:30 am, 5:30 pm

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

December 9 8:30 am, 7:00 pm

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24	4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 10:30 pm
December 25	8:30 am, 10:30 am

Advent Reconciliation Schedule

Communal Service

Sunday, December 15 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Private Confessions

Tuesday, December 17 7:00 am - 8:15 am

Wednesday, December 18 3:00 pm - 5:15 pm

Our regular scheduled times

Monday-Friday 8:00 pm - 8:20 am

Wednesday 5:00 pm - 5:20 pm

Saturday 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm

Sunday 5:00 pm - 5:15 pm

Happening at St. John's



Last weekend, you were invited to return your Grateful Hearts Growing Together response form with your core value goals for 2025.

If you haven't done so already, you are still encouraged to participate! You can mail in your completed form, bring it to the Welcome Desk, put it in the collection at an upcoming

Advent weekend Mass, or use the online form (scan the QR code or go to www.stjohnnb.com/grateful-hearts/). If you did not receive a mailed Grateful Hearts Growing Together packet, you can pick up a response form on the Harvest Table or simply complete the online form.



Thank you in advance for helping us carry out our mission to GO. MAKE. TEACH. and for your reliance on prayer, your willingness to grow, and your generous spirit!

Christmas Wreaths

The Grandparent Ministry will be selling Christmas wreaths and swag in the plaza this weekend. Cash and checks accepted.



Last Chance Weekend

Now that we have stuffed ourselves with Thanksgiving dinner let's stuff the blue bins with socks for the homeless. Your donations will be delivered December 2 by the St. Vincent de Paul elves. Merry Christmas and God Bless!



"When were you naked Lord and we clothed you?"

Catholic Watchmen Night

Transformed by the Mass:
Teaching about the Celebration of the Eucharist

Our keynote speakers are
Father Paul Shovelain and
Seminarist Andy Renier!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
ST. JOSEPH HALL



6:00 pm Rosary
6:30 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Presentation
8:15 pm Adoration and Confession
8:30 pm Depart

December Family Formation

Parent Program

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4
5:30 DINNER (OPTIONAL)
6:00-7:30PM ST. JOSEPH HALL



Cross My Heart:
The Lord Keeps His Promises

Ryan O'Hara will present on the promises God has made with us and how we can draw from them as a foundation in our lives and build up our children in their faith adventure.

All adults are welcome.



Last Chance to Sign Up!

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine

Saturday, December 7

Join St. John's for a special day pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in La Crosse, Wisconsin on Saturday, December 7. Bus ride, guided tour, and lunch provided.

\$25 per person and/or \$100 for a family with code:
OurLadyG2024Family

Register now with the QR code:



Happening at St. John's

Young at Heart

St. John's Seniors, in case you don't have anything to do these days, we have LOTS to choose from in December! Check it out and let Mary Kohlhaas know if you are interested!

- **Sunday, December 1** – **LIVE NATIVITY** at Mercy Reins Ranch near Stillwater. Come along for a short outdoor performance followed by dinner at Mac's Diner in North St. Paul on the way home! Sound like fun? Dress warm and let's start focusing on Christmas!
- **Tuesday, December 3** – monthly **CAREGIVERS** meeting from 1:00-2:30 pm in Room 204.
- **Thursday, December 5** – monthly **YOUNG AT HEART** meeting – BUT – also the first meeting for **ADVENT SMALL GROUP**. Theme to study is "Angels and the Supernatural". Are you up for learning more? Come and join us for each Thursday in Advent (and beyond a bit) from 2:00-4:00 pm in Room 208.
- **Saturday, December 7** – **PILGRIMAGE to OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SHRINE** in La Crosse, WI - \$25.00 per person include transportation and lunch, dinner on own on way home. Don't miss this deal!!
- **Monday, December 9** – Monthly meeting for **WIDOWS & WIDOWERS** at Perkins on Cty. Rd D and Hwy. 88 at 11:30 am. You never know who will show up so make sure you do too!
- **Saturday, December 14** – **YOUNG AT HEART ADVENT PARTY** – St. Joseph Hall from 1:00-3:30 pm – open to everybody! Bring a "white elephant" gift to exchange! Also, bring a friend that you don't have to exchange!!
- **Thursday, December 19** – **JOURNEYING THROUGH GRIEF REFLECTION EVENING** – Chapel, 7:00-8:30 pm. Come to reflect on who you are grieving and learn how to approach the holidays through the mist of that loss. All parishioners welcome!

Contact Mary Kohlhaas with questions: kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org

Becoming Catholic OCIA Rite of Welcome & Acceptance

We will be celebrating with our catechumens and candidates at the 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday, December 7.

Please join in prayer with our adults who are preparing for the initiating sacraments in the church.

At this Rite, the catechumens (unbaptized) and candidates (baptized seeking full communion) publicly declare their intention to continue their journey toward full communion with the Catholic Church.

At this Rite, they are asked if they are ready to listen to the apostles' instruction, gather with the worshipping community in prayer, and join that community in the love and service of others. They are signed with the cross to show that they belong to Christ. Members of the parish community should affirm that they are ready to help and support the participants seeking to follow Christ by prayer and example.

For more information on Becoming Catholic OCIA contact Jill Fink, Director of Discipleship 651-633-8333 ext. 1280 or by email at finki@stjohnnyb.org.

Angel Gift Tree

The Angel Gift Tree is up on the Harvest Table! Please grab a slip from the tree and bring your donated items back.

All donated items go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Ralph Reeder, and Sharing and Caring Hands.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Morning Mass at 8:30 am and
Solemn Choral Mass at 7:00 pm on Monday, December 9

For the 7:00 pm Mass the Adult Choir and Chamber Orchestra will be playing Frank La Rocca's Mass of the Americas during Mass in the church. The Mass of the Americas was conceived by Archbishop Cordileone as a twinned tribute to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception (patroness of the United States) and Our Lady of Guadalupe (patroness of Mexico and all the Americas). Please celebrate with us on this solemn occasion.

Please note: December 8 occurs on the Second Sunday of Advent. In accordance with liturgical and canon law, the liturgical celebration of the Immaculate Conception is for this year transferred to Monday, December 9, 2024. Due to this and various subsequent details the Archdiocese has dispensed the obligation to attend Holy Mass on this Solemnity. At St. John's we are considering it a Holy Day of Opportunity. We look forward to celebrating the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception with you on December 9!

Happening at St. John's



Knights of Columbus

St. John's Cookie Championship

Email Jim to enter the contest, then drop your 2 dozen cookies off at the Welcome Desk by noon on Saturday, December 14. Winners will be announced after the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, December 15 with cash prizes awarded!

Two brackets:
Ages 1 - 16
Ages 17 - 200

Only 20 entries per bracket

Send entries and questions to Jim at jrbrandt7@icloud.com




For all the rules and more details about the Knights of Columbus sponsored Cookie Championship please visit the St. John's website with the QR code or at stjohnnb.com/cookie/



All announcements are due by 12:00 pm (noon) on Thursday for inclusion in the weekend pulpit announcements. These are to be sent to Margaret Harmon at harmonm@stjohnnyb.org.

Christmas Flower Memorials

If you would like to remember those who have died, or honor someone special, we invite you to donate in their name(s) to the Christmas Plant, Wreath & Tree Fund. Please complete the form below and send it with \$20 (suggested amount) to the Parish Center. You can also donate online by visiting our website www.stjohnnb.com, go to online donations, fill in the information for FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR or use the envelope provided in your packet.

Donations will be accepted through Christmas.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

In Memory of / In Honor of: (circle one)

From: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ Ck # _____

date _____

Master Gardeners Wanted

Looking for master gardeners in the parish community who can provide service to the gardening team regarding the gardens on the south side of the church (Stations area). If interested in giving thoughts and advice, please email Rita Arndorfer at arndorferr@stjohnnyb.org.

Indoor Gardeners

Meeting on December 10 at 1:00 pm in St. Joseph Hall. For all those currently helping and those interested in helping with the indoor plants at St. Johns. We will go over the schedule and assign tasks. Email Pat Hinnenkamp with questions at hinnenkampp@stjohnnyb.org.

Marriage Monday!

Join us for a "Marriage Monday" Event on Monday, December 16. Couples - enjoy a hot chocolate bar with festive add-ins, Christmas ornament making, and the Vikings game projected on the big screen! 7-9:00 pm, fliers on the Harvest Table. Contact brostromc@stjohnnyb.org with questions.

Save the Dates!

The Men's Retreat is coming up! Be sure to save the date, January 10—12, 2025. Registration coming the first week of December. Watch the parish website as well as next week's bulletin!

The Cribbage Tournament is at 5:30 on Saturday, January 18, followed by the Chili Cookoff will be Sunday, January 19 at 11:30 am. Contact Melissa Berg at bergm@stjohnnyb.org with questions

Parish Library News

The SJB LIBRARY ANNUAL BOOK FAIR GIVEAWAY is **next weekend, Dec. 7-8** after all weekend Masses, starting after the Saturday evening Mass. Duplicates and items that the Library can't use will be **given away FREE!!!**

We have available books, DVDs, CDs, crucifixes, religious statues, medals, prayer cards, and other religious items. This is a great opportunity to pick up possible Christmas gifts or something to enrich your life!

The Library will be closed during the Book Fair, but will reopen the following weekend (December 14-15) after all weekend Masses.



Books, DVDs, and CDs to enrich your faith.

Saint John the Baptist Parish Library

Happening at St. John's

St. John the Baptist Guide Book and Directory

St. John the Baptist 2024-25 Guide Book and Directory was recently mailed to registered parishioners. This booklet, updated annually, includes contact information for parish staff, an event calendar, a ministry directory, and a parishioner directory, to help our community stay connected.

The cover of this year's directory features a color rendering of the new Lamb of God stained glass window, recently installed in the Chapel of the Angels. This beautiful gift of sacred art was provided in loving memory of Patricia "Paddy" Haggerty by her family. We are immensely grateful for this tremendous blessing for our parish. It reminds us of the profound victory that Jesus won for us and the hope we have in Christ!

This helpful resource is provided free of charge, thanks to the advertisers that sponsor the cost of printing and mailing. Please patronize these generous businesses who are partners in our mission here at SJB.



It's a Get Well Card Shower for Sister Clarinda

Please join us in sending well wishes to our Sister Clarinda following her cancer surgery with a card shower! Let's brighten her day with thoughts and prayers, well wishes, and encouraging thoughts as she recovers.

Cards can be sent to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church c/o Sr. Clarinda, 835 2nd Ave NW, New Brighton, MN 55112 from November 20, 2024 through beginning of January 2025.



Catechism Corner

The Meaning of Advent

Advent is a significant liturgical season in the Catholic Church, marking a time of preparation for the celebration of Christmas and the anticipation of Christ's Second Coming. The term "Advent" comes from the Latin word "adventus," meaning "arrival" or "coming," which reflects the dual focus of this season: the remembrance of Christ's first coming in the Incarnation and the expectation of his final return at the end of time.

The season of Advent begins on the Sunday closest to the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (30 November) and lasts for four Sundays, serving as the starting point of the liturgical year in Western churches. It is characterized by themes of waiting, conversion, and hope. During this time, the faithful are encouraged to prepare their hearts and minds to celebrate the anniversary of the Lord's coming into the world, as well as to ready themselves for his ultimate return as judge. Advent is also a time for reflection and spiritual growth, inviting believers to recognize Christ's presence in their daily lives and to cultivate a spirit of expectation and hope. The liturgical practices during Advent often emphasize the call to watchfulness and readiness, echoing the biblical exhortations to be prepared for the Lord's coming.

In summary, Advent serves as a period of joyful anticipation, urging the faithful to engage in prayer, reflection, and conversion as they await the celebration of Christmas and the eventual return of Christ.

Transformed by the Most Holy Eucharist



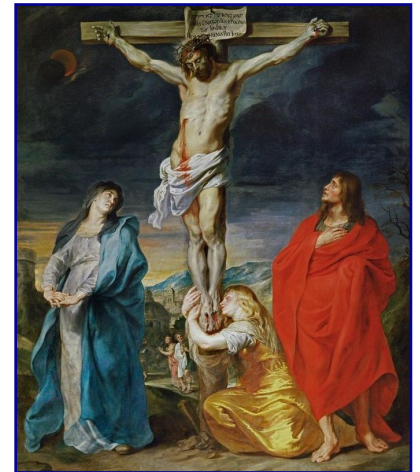
Monthly Saint Spotlight Saint John the Apostle

c. 6 AD - c. 100 AD (age 93)



Saint John the Apostle, often referred to as the "Beloved Disciple," holds a prominent place in the New Testament and the history of the early Church. He is recognized as the author of the Gospel of John, three epistles, and the Book of Revelation, which collectively reveal profound theological insights and a deep understanding of Christ's love. John, the son of Zebedee and brother of James, was one of the first disciples called by Jesus. His close relationship with the Lord is highlighted in the Gospel, where he is depicted as the disciple who reclined on Jesus' chest at the Last Supper. This intimate bond allowed John to witness pivotal moments in Jesus' ministry, including the Crucifixion, where he stood by the cross alongside Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

Pope Benedict XVI, in his General Audience on August 23, 2006, emphasized John's unique contribution to the understanding of love in Christian theology.



He noted that John's writings consistently reflect the theme of love, encapsulated in the famous declaration, "God is love" (1 John 4:16). This focus on love distinguishes John's Gospel and letters from those of the other Evangelists, making his theological perspective essential for understanding the Christian faith. John's role extended beyond his writings; he was a key figure in the early Church. John was instrumental in guiding the first Christian communities, particularly in Jerusalem, where he was recognized as one of the "pillars" of the Church (Galatians 2:9). His leadership and witness to the Resurrection were vital in strengthening the faith of early Christians during times of persecution.



Traditionally, John is also associated with the island of Patmos, where he received the visions recorded in the Book of Revelation. This work, rich in symbolism and prophecy, addresses the challenges faced by the early Church and offers hope for the future. Pope Benedict XVI referred to John as "the Seer of Patmos," highlighting the significance of his revelations for the Christian community facing trials at the end of the first century. In addition to his theological contributions, Saint John is recognized as the patron saint of art dealers, reflecting his influence on Christian art and literature. His symbolic representation often includes an eagle, signifying the heights of his theological insights and the divine mysteries he articulated.

Saint John the Apostle is commemorated on December 27, a feast that celebrates his life and contributions to the faith. His legacy continues to inspire Christians to deepen their understanding of love, faith, and the call to discipleship. As the Church reflects on his teachings, believers are reminded of the importance of living in friendship with Christ and sharing that love with others.

Saint John the Apostle remains a vital figure in Christianity, embodying the essence of discipleship and the transformative power of love. His writings and witness continue to guide the faithful in their journey of faith.

St. John's Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 30, 2024
4:30 pm ~ John Battmer +

Sunday, December 1, 2024
8:30 am ~ Pro Populo
10:30 am ~ Barbara Handzel +
5:30 pm ~ Penny Aurore Noonan +

Monday, December 2, 2024
8:30 am ~ Steve Lauinger

Tuesday, December 3, 2024
8:30 am ~ Jade Rurik +

Wednesday, December 4, 2024
8:30 am ~ Theodore Labuza +
5:30 pm ~ Joe Szepieniec + and Lory Szepieniec

Thursday, December 5, 2024
8:30 am ~ Stephanie Percic

Friday, December 6, 2024
8:30 am ~ Luisa Araque +

Saturday, December 7, 2024
8:30 am ~ Penny Turnacliff +
4:30 pm ~ Angelina Fish

Sunday, December 8, 2024
8:30 am ~ Julio Fernandez
10:30 am ~ Darwin Larson +
5:30 pm ~ Pro Populo

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, 1 pm

Wednesday: 1 pm, 11 pm

Thursday: 2 am

Friday: 7 am, 9 am, 1 pm

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



Email sjbadoration@gmail.com
with any questions.

Readings For The Week

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/
1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

St. John's Mass Music Schedule

Saturday, November 30, 2024
Cantor and Organ at 4:30 pm

Sunday, December 1, 2024
Men's Schola at 8:30 am
Children's Choir at 10:30 am
SPO/Ignite Group at 5:30 pm

Saturday, December 7, 2024
Cantor and Organ at 4:30 pm

Sunday, December 8, 2024
Men's Schola at 8:30 am
SPO/Ignite Group at 8:30 am, 10:30 am, and 5:30 pm

Monday, December 9, 2024
Cantor and Organ at 8:30 am
Adult Choir (Solemn Choral Mass) at 7:00 pm

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question: What is the story behind the advent wreath?

Answer: Each season in the liturgical calendar comes with its own local and regional rituals. During the Advent season, wreaths adorn church sanctuaries and family dining room tables. You may have said Advent wreath prayers in childhood or taken a turn lighting the candles. The Advent wreath is full of symbolism about Christ and his coming at Christmas. The wreath is made of evergreen boughs, reminding us that the life of grace doesn't falter with the changing seasons. It always remains fresh and new. Similarly, a circular wreath reminds us of the eternal, never-ending nature of God's love. Candles remind us that Christ is the light of the world, the One who "shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." We use four candles to represent each week of Advent. Traditionally they come in the liturgical colors of the season. Purple has historically represented penance and sacrifice. We see the same color for the season of Lent. On the third Sunday of Advent, however, we light a rose color. The priest will wear rose vestments at Mass. This is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin. On the third Sunday of Advent, we're roughly halfway through the season. The Church chooses the midpoint to remind us to celebrate in the midst of our anticipation! Whatever the color and whatever the day, the Advent wreath is a beautiful practice to focus our attention on Christ's coming at Christmas.

Please Pray For...

Those who have entered eternal life:
Dean Wolfe, Richard Schonhardt

Those who are ill:

Daryl Stevens, JoAnn Cedarholm, Jim Smith, Emily Dahl, Chase Vogland, Kathleen Schopf, Kay and Gary Mayer, Mary Jo Beaudry, Mary Andersohn, Joe Brennan, Margaret Wright, Jeremy Mainello, Nancy Hinieki, Kathleen Frischmon, Jill Marie Stich, Donna Leibrich, Tom Leibrich, John Leibrich, Jack Isacson, Carol Oyanagi

If your name has been removed from this list and you would like to be prayed for, please call the parish office at 651-633-8333.

Parish Life

St. John's took a bus of parishioners down to the Cathedral of Saint Paul in October for a tour led by Father Paul. Following that, they attended a special anniversary Mass for the dedication of the Cathedral.



Around the Archdiocese

CAROLS & COCOA

At the Cathedral!

Saturday, December 28
9 - 10:30 a.m.
Cathedral of Saint Paul

Bring your family to celebrate Christmas during the Octave!

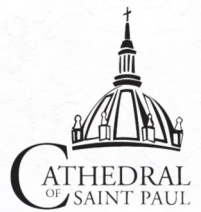
The morning will include:

- ✦ Sing-a-long carols
- ✦ Stories
- ✦ Child-friendly Adoration & Benediction
- ✦ Cocoa & cookies in Hayden Hall

RSVP:



OFFICE OF MARRIAGE, FAMILY AND YOUTH



Ring in the NEW YEAR With Prayer

DEC. 31, 2024 | 11 P.M. MASS
CATHEDRAL OF ST PAUL

*Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God,
and the start of the 2025 Jubilee Year*

Champagne Reception



to follow in the Hayden Hall.
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