

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

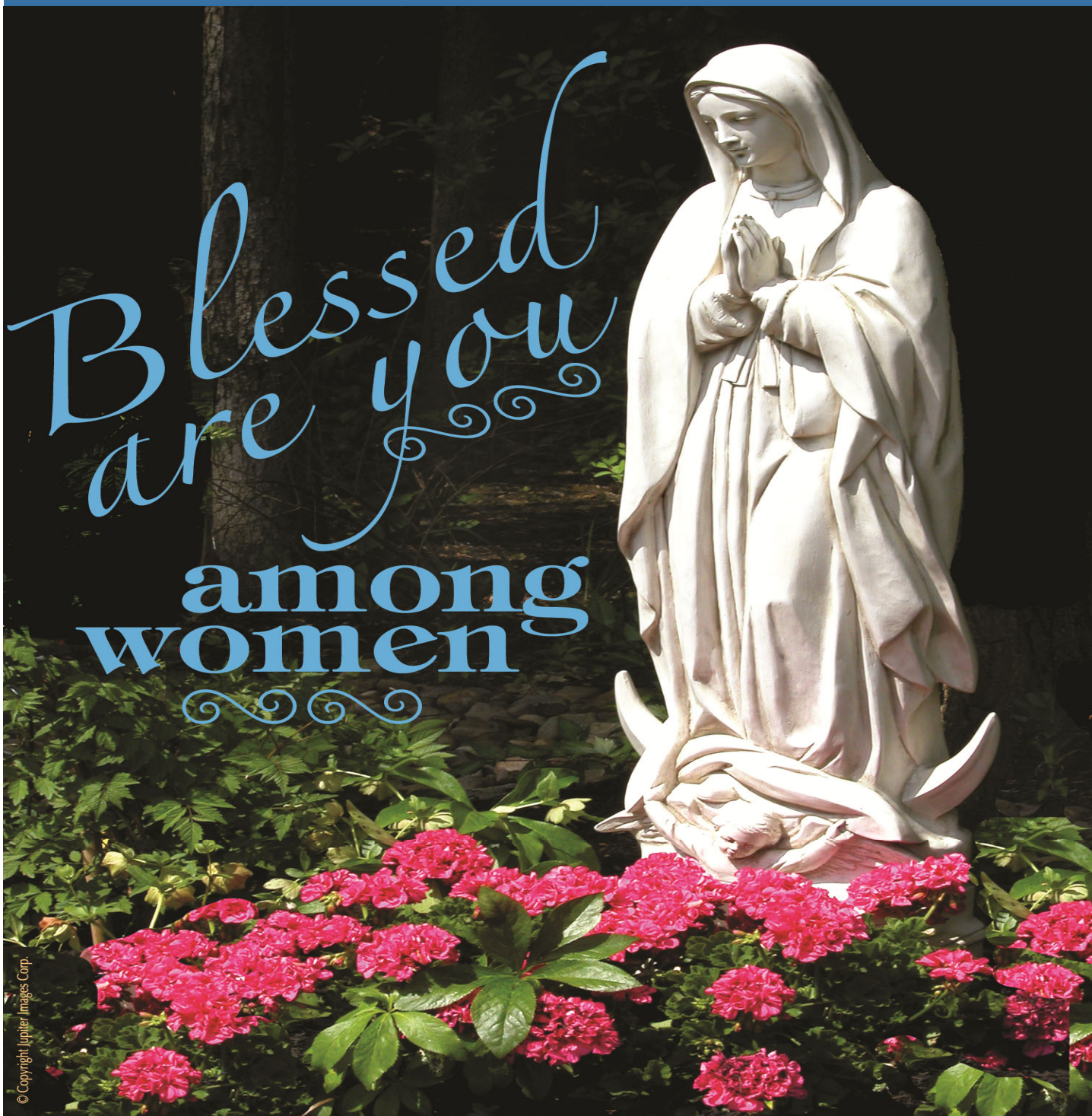
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2nd Sunday of Advent, December 4, 2016



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Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation

December 8, 2016, Mass at 8:15am and 7:00pm

Mission Statement

St. John's Parish family prayerfully worships, studies, teaches and lives our faith in Jesus Christ.

Old School Property Update

On Tuesday, we met with 5 developers/builders and an architect to learn what their visions are for our old school property. Mark Zimitsch (Finance Council chair – not present), Mike Behr (co-chair Parish Council), Dar Pieper (co-chair Parish Council), John Breunig (Trustee), Tim Sebenaler (Trustee), Father Yanta and Michelle Lopez (Parish Business Administrator) represented the parish along with Paul Donovan from Cushman & Wakefield/Northmarq. Tom Nikunen from the City of Jordan was also present. We met with Anderson Companies, Sand Companies, Brennan Companies, Igel Properties and The Glenn Catholic Senior Communities (formerly known as St. Therese-Southwest).

All 5 presentations were a meet and greet format for us to see who we would be interested in working with and for the developers to ask questions of us. We were in agreeance that 3 of the developers had the skills needed to provide us with the information we were looking for. We are in the discernment process of choosing who we would like to work with. The next step is for the developer/builder to provide us with a feasibility study to determine what would work for both of us. We will let you know as soon as we have an update. This is still very preliminary and we are excited to see where God leads us on this journey. Please continue to pray for this project and for the Lord's direction.

Daycare Catholic Heart Work Camp

Saturday, December 10th the Catholic Heart Work Camp mission group is available at St. John's School for daycare from 10am-4pm for all children ages 1-11. Get some Christmas shopping done, enjoy time with your spouse, clean your house or read a book, while supporting a good cause. Childcare rates are \$5 per child per hour, for 2 or more children, \$4 per child per hour. Snacks and lunch are provided. Must pre-register. Contact Denise Weber at sbjordanym@gmail.com or 952492-5827.

Thank You!

A big thank you to Jim Colling, Steve Stemig, Bill Buesgens, Earl Pint and Ed Breimhorst for the clean-up work they did at the Rectory! We appreciate you and your hard work!



Stewardship
a way of life

We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care, lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today, cautioning us, "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

Welcome to St. John's

We are happy that you are here. If you are just visiting for today, we wish you God's guidance on your journey. If you are seeking a church home, we would be honored to welcome you into our parish community. If you are interested in joining our parish family, parishioners are available after Mass to answer any questions and provide assistance with registrations. If you are over the age of 23 we ask you to register. You may also stop by the parish office during office hours (8am - 4:30pm M-Th.) to register or go online at www.sbjordan.org, about, new members.

Pray for Our Sick

Maureen Halloran (Michelle Bisek's sister), Don Undesser, Dellie Breeggemann, Pam Jemmings (Marcy Pauly's sister), Josephine Deutsch, Rhonda Zweber, Laura Wolf, Marion Pearson, Griffin Dahmen, Carol Segler, Elizabeth Maresch, Sue Stifter, Les & Maria Thill, Roger Neumann, Lexyn Grof, Diane Roszelle, Sean Dennehy, Florence Stocker, Phil Chavez, Mike Mohlin, Audrey Kaiser, Paul Bendzick, Theresa Leshner, Glenn Nemanic, Bob Quist, Monica Morgan and Jerry Hoy.

Please call the Parish Office to be included in or taken off the above list.

Prayer Line

If you have a special prayer need, please call to be included in our prayer line. You may contact Viv Sunder at 492.2964 or Caroline Lehnen at 492.3363.

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

Open hours that need to be filled:

Thursday, 1:00pm
Friday, 2:00am, 3:00am
Saturday, 6:00pm

A long term sub is needed for January, February and March for Tuesday's at 7:00am.

If you would like an open hour, please call Sue Pieper at 952.492.3340.



Thank You!

Thank you for the donations to the building fund in memory of Clare Kuechle.

With Heartfelt Sympathy



Remembered with Love

Please pray for Mary Murphy and her family. Mary's Funeral Mass was here on Wednesday, Nov. 30th.

Please pray for Herbert (Hippy) Wagner and his family. Herbert's Funeral Mass was here on Saturday, Dec. 3rd.

2nd Sunday of Advent

8th Annual Drive, "Blankets Because We Care"

Please help us provide for our brothers and sisters! Please consider donating your new or used blankets, coats, hats, mittens or new hygiene items (toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, etc.).

Show how you care and please help out those in need this Christmas season! Please put your donations in the boxes labeled "Blanket Donations" at St. Wenceslaus in New Prague, Sweeney Elementary (Shakopee), St. John's School, Jordan Middle, & Elementary School, and Radermacher's (monetary donations only). Donations will be accepted through Jan 20th.

Finance Council

The Parish Finance Council met in regular session on November 15th. Parish business administrator, Michelle Lopez, updated the council on the following items:

- Just over 145 stewardship pledges are now in. More than 60% of the respondents have increased their pledges.
- CSCOE challenge grant giving has passed \$16,000. We need to raise \$35,000 to get the CSCOE match.
- The finance council has two open seats. Fr. Yanta is looking for new members.

Fr. Yanta presented the following items for the council:

- The building loan reset is just about complete.
- The Chesterton Academy Group is still working on recruiting students for the 2017/2018 school year.
- Father would like to remind parishioners that have not responded to the stewardship appeal to please do so.
- Parish staff and leadership will meet with five developers regarding the old school property on Nov 29th.
- On a sad note, our music director will be leaving us at the end of the year. Teresa will be missed!

The Giving Tree

Once again St. John's JCCW is sponsoring the Giving Tree during Advent.

Select a tag from the tree, purchase that item, gift wrap and securely attach the tag. Bring the WRAPPED gift to church by Dec. 18. Gifts will be donated locally to area nursing homes, the CAP Agency in Shakopee, and the Juvenile Alternative facility.

We welcome helpers to sort and deliver the gifts after the 10:00 Mass on Dec. 18th. A great way to get Confirmation service hours.

Development of the Unborn Child



Week 36 - I weigh about six pounds and am about 20 inches long. The bigger I get, the more crowded it gets in here!

Christmas on Sunday

Please Consider Christmas and Sunday Offerings to Support Our Parish

Each year, we rely on generous Christmas contributions to support the ministries of our parish. Weekly Sunday offerings are also vital: it is through these ongoing gifts that we are able to fund staffing needs, building operation and maintenance costs, and the many services our parish provides.

This year, Christmas Day falls on a Sunday. Please consider offering your regular Sunday gift and an additional Christmas gift to the parish.

If you receive a contribution envelope packet, you will find envelopes for both a Christmas offering and an offering for Sunday, December 25. You may give at Mass, or you may wish to contribute electronically. We understand that you may be traveling to visit loved ones this Christmas, and we want to make it easy to remember our parish during this joyful time. Thank you for your generous contributions at Christmas and throughout the year!

Breakfast with Santa

The Jordan Area Lions invite you to come have breakfast with Santa.

Pancakes, ham, eggs, orange juice, coffee and milk will be served Sunday, December 11th from 8:30am to 12:30pm in Lewis Hall. Come see friends, visit and get a treat from Santa, while supporting the food basket program sponsored by the Lions and the Jordan Fire Department. Family \$20.00; Adults \$7.00; 12 and under \$4.00; Under 3 free. Have a great holiday season!



Retirement Fund for Religious

Your donation works for aging religious. "I read that roughly 95 percent of donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious aid senior religious," a donor writes. "That's wonderful when we truly want our donations to work." Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.

BeFriends Training

Deadline to register for this coming program is December 4. Please contact Connie Hennen at 612-709-3972 or the parish office

Knights of Columbus Corner

Meeting on December 13th at 7:00pm - Christmas Party Potluck - members please bring a guest (wife, girlfriend, family member or a friend).

Change in Schedule for Choir Rehearsals

Saints Choir (3rd grade and up) and **K-2 Choir** (kindergarten through 2nd grade) will be singing for the 4 pm Mass on Christmas Eve.

Rehearsals:

Saturday December 10 from 10 - 12 am (school library)

Saturday December 17 from 10 - 12 am (church)

Friday December 23 from 1:30 - 3:30 pm (church)

Saturday December 24 at 3pm for 4pm Mass (church)

Rsvp's and questions?

Teresa Schmidt 492-2640; sbjordanmusic@gmail.com

St. John's School

Thank you to the people who have donated toward our Challenge Grant! We hope to reach our \$35,000 goal so that CSCOE will match that money for a total of \$70,000! We want to expand our preschool program and provide more tuition scholarships for families. If you would like to make a donation, you can drop off a check at the parish or school office or make a donation online by going to the school website www.sjsjordan.org and clicking on the red Challenge Grant Donation button in the upper right corner. We appreciate your support!

Dr. Bonita Jungels, Director of Education & Evangelization

Faith Formation

Preschool Parents, *Jesus & Me Program*

Raising preschoolers is a demanding job, which takes a lot of energy & commitment. Finding time to focus on prayer can be a *real challenge*. Faith Formation would like to give *you* the opportunity to attend 10am Mass while your preschooler attends a little program with other preschoolers. At Mass, Jesus longs to meet you in the Eucharist, He desires to strengthen you & guide you, to fill you with His Grace so that you can become the parent He created you to be. While you are at Mass, your preschooler will be singing, coloring & learning about Jesus. Give yourself this hour with the Lord & let us be with your preschooler.

The *Jesus & Me Program for Preschoolers* meets on the 2nd Sunday of the Month (the next one is on 12/11/16). There is no cost and no need to register; the program will be held in the school preschool room. Look for directional signs to the *Jesus & Me Program* in the Gathering Space. Bring your child before Mass & come to pick them up when Mass is done. Hope to see you on December 11th! Contact Diane Trettel for more information: sbjordanff3@gmail.com | 952.492.5730.

Special Announcement About Setting the Table

If you are interested in hosting a table for Setting the Table please let Tina Goetz know by December 13. The event is Sunday, January 29th from 11:30am-2pm, with Laura Sobiech as our guest speaker. As hostess you decorate a table in any theme you'd like and sell tickets to fill your table. Worried you won't be able to fill a table? That's ok, we will open it to the parish.

sbjordanff@gmail.com | 952.492.4573.

Parish Directory

Pastor, Rev. Timothy Yanta, Direct: 952.492.4560
Emergency 952.492.2640 (press 3),
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Parish Office, 952.492.2640

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Marty Huss, Maintenance, 952.492.2372

St. John's School and Pre-School, 952.492.2030

Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am-3:30 pm

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Faith Formation

Tina Goetz, Faith Formation Director

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Diane Trettel, Faith Formation Assistant Coordinator

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Music Ministry

Teresa Schmidt, Director of Sacred Music

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Lay Leadership Positions

Trustees

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Tim Sebenaler, sebenalertim@hotmail.com

Parish Council

Mike Behr, behrrmt@frontiernet.net

Dar Pieper, dpieper@frontiernet.net

Finance Council

Mark Zimitsch, mk82nav@comcast.net

Pregnant? Need Help?

Call Parish Office or Deb Pauly at 952.492.2745

Sacraments

Confession

Tuesday 5:45 - 6pm, Friday 8:45am, First Saturday at 7:45 - 8am, Saturday 4 - 4:30pm

Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sunday of the month. Please contact the parish office for more information, and plan ahead.

Marriage

Contact Parish Office at least eight months in advance. Pre-marriage preparation required.

Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office anytime.

2nd Sunday of Advent

Liturgical Ministers, Dec 10 & 11, 2016

Greeters (Jean Myers office@sjbjordan.org)

5pm Ryan & Maresa Murray & Family
8am Geno & Mary Taddei, Bill Buesgens, Sharon Menke

10am Rodney & Denise Andersen & Family

Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Karen Umphress (karen@tnkent.com)

5pm **Lector:** Robin Nawrocki **Ministers:** Judy Tuma, Robin Nawrocki, Allen Houdek, Kay Hartmann, Tom Klehr

8am **Lector:** Claire Robling **Ministers:** Denise Weber, Al Busch, Sue Malz, Jim Schwingler, Sue Zahler

10am **Lector:** John Breunig **Ministers:** Chuck Schmitz, Sheila Schmitz, Myron Pauly, Michelle Rutoski, Laura Kvasnicka, Deb Pauly (Choir)

Communion to Homebound (Lisa Austen 492-6040)

Schule Haus Char Koepp

Homebound Mary Warden

Friendship Mnr/St. Gertr Doug & Mary Kramasz

Valley View/Oak Terrace Karen Kreuser

Ushers (Al Menke 612-247-0297)

5pm Earl & Judy Pint, Sam Colling

8am Steve Stemig, Brian Buesgens

10am Randy Breeggemann, John Breimhorst

Mass Servers (Jean Myers 492-2640)

5pm Jordan Austen, Will & Hunter Kvasnicka

8am Julian & Joe Pieper, Jackson Ceplecha

10am Nicholas & Riley Schmit, Jacob Stay

Sacristans (Jackie Wolf 492-3378)

5pm Brenda & Loren Boeckmann

8am Sue & Ruth Pieper

10am Francis Schatz

Communion Antiphon

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Luke 3:4, 6

Mass Intentions

Sunday, Dec 4, 2016

8:00am † Betty Sunder (DA)

10:00am Parish

Tuesday, Dec 6, 2016

6:15pm † Maxine & † Harvey Davis

Wednesday, Dec 7, 2016

8:15am † Dorothy Hennes (BD)

10:30am † Fr. Marvin O'Connell

Thursday, Dec 8, 2016

8:15am Parish

7:00pm † Carol Buesgens (BD)

Friday, Dec 9, 2016

8:15am † Francis Jandl (DA)

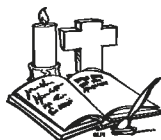
Saturday, Dec 10, 2016

5:00pm † Living & Deceased members of the Chvatal & Winkler Families

Sunday, Dec 11, 2016

8:00am Parish

10:00am † Rose Mary Pelowski



Weekly Schedule

Sunday, Dec 4, 2016, Second Sunday of Advent

Children's Liturgy of the Word during 10am Mass

JCCW Breakfast & Boutique

8:00am Mass

10:00am Mass

Monday, Dec 5, 2016

Tuesday, Dec 6, 2016

5:45pm Confessions

6:15am Mass

6:45pm BeFrienders Holiday Party (Location TBD)

7:00pm Ava Maria Cenacle (Chapel)

7:00pm School Advisory Council Meeting
(School Conference Room)

Wednesday, Dec 7, 2016

8:15am Mass

10:00am Confessions, Schule Haus

10:30am Mass, Schule Haus with Sacrament of Anointing

1:30pm Card Club (Louis Hall)

6:00pm Harmony Choir Rehearsal

6:30pm Family Formation

7:00pm Faith Formation 7-10 Grade

Thursday, Dec 8, 2016, Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation

Parish Office Closed

8:15am Mass with School Children

7:00pm Mass

Friday, Dec 9, 2016

Parish Office Closed

8:15am Mass

8:45am Confessions

Saturday, Dec 10, 2016

10:00am - Noon Kids Christmas Singing Rehearsal
(School Library)

10:00am - 4:00pm Babysitting Day provided by Catholic
Heart Work Camp (SJB School)

4:00pm - 4:30pm Confessions

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, Dec 11, 2016, Third Sunday of Advent

Lions Breakfast with Santa

8:00am Mass

9:50am - 11:10am "Jesus & Me" for Preschoolers

10:00am Mass

6:00pm - 8:00pm Youth Group, 9-12 grade (Youth Room)

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19;
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11