

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

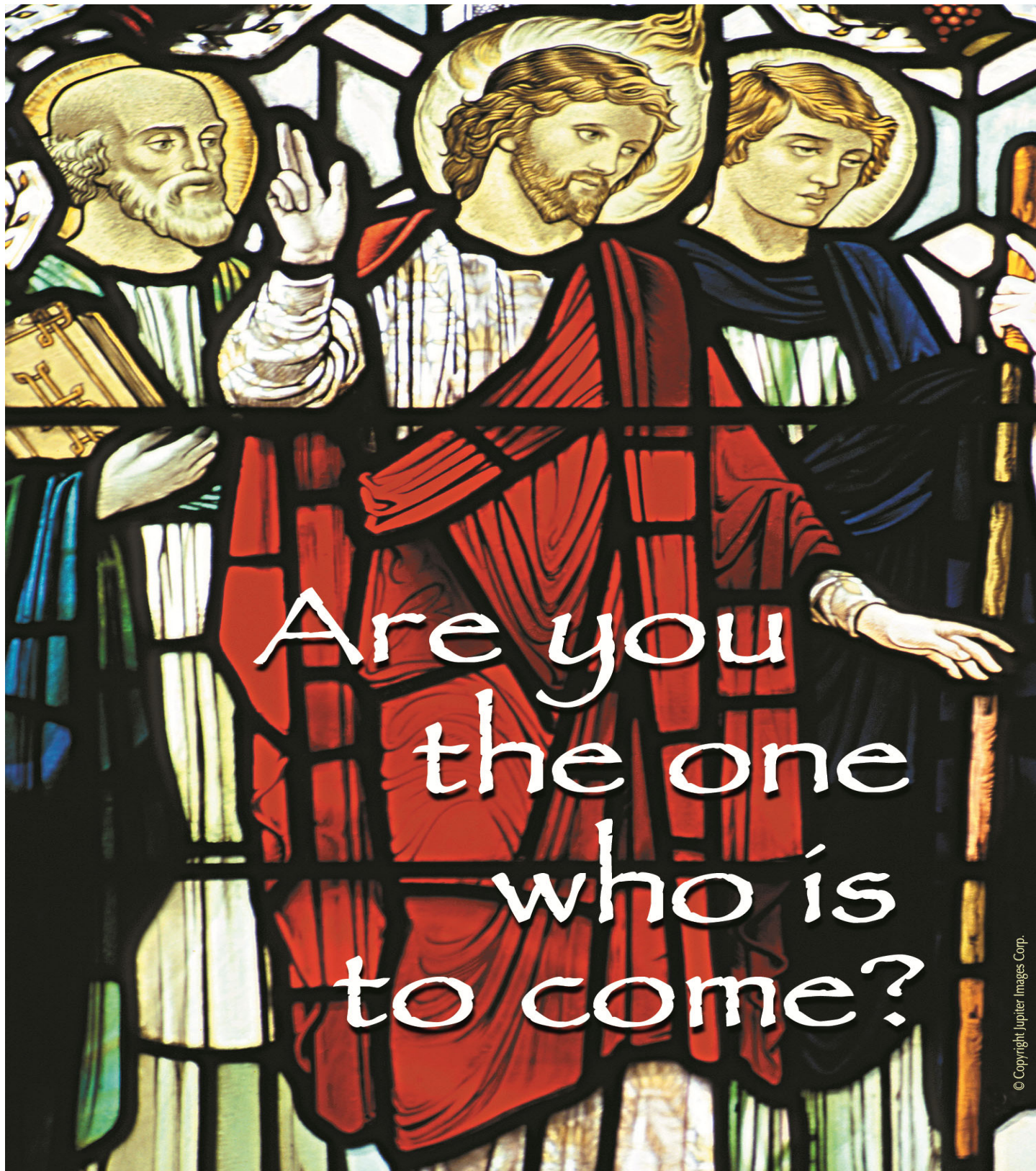
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3rd Sunday of Advent, December 11, 2016



Mission Statement

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



Thank you for all your prayers in asking for God's direction and guidance in regards to opening up our faculties to the possibility of having Chesterton Academy here. I thank our parishioners; Jay and Lisa Ward, for their many hours of dedicate service in this discernment process, as well as many families from the surrounding area parishes. Fr. Yanta

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.

Chesterton Academy Update

Nearly one year ago, we embarked on a journey to assess the feasibility of a Chesterton Academy campus located at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. At this time, unfortunately, there are not enough committed students to open a campus for 2017-18, so we will not be able to launch this fall. From our own experience and from that of other Chesterton schools around the country, we know it can take several years of determined effort to get a school to launch point.

Many potential SW Metro Chesterton students will be enrolling for the next year at the Edina Campus with the hope that they may eventually be able to transition to a SW Metro campus. Carpooling options are being discussed for anyone who is interested in joining this group of students. You may contact Lisa Ward at wardclan2@aol.com if you would like more information.

There have been discussions on developing a community of families to meet occasionally and develop a fellowship program so the children have a chance to discover common interests and build friendships.

In God's time, we hope to be ready to open the SW Metro Campus of Chesterton Academy.

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, Jerry Hoy and Angie Schoenbauer.

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.

Adoration Chapel will be closed for Christmas

We will close at 8:00am, Friday, December 23rd.
We will reopen at 7:00pm, Tuesday, December 27th.

Adoration Chapel will be closed for New Year's

We will close at 8:00am, Friday, December 30th.
We will reopen at 7:00pm, Tuesday, January 3rd.



Come Home for Christmas!

Invite your neighbors, friends & visiting family to join us for Christmas.

Christmas Eve Mass Saturday, December 24th

4:00pm, prelude begins at 3:40pm
9:00pm, prelude begins at 8:40pm

Christmas Day Mass Sunday, December 25th

8:00am, prelude begins at 7:40am
10:00am, prelude begins at 9:40am

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the JCCW Sweet Shop & Breakfast a success! To all the volunteers and those who came to the breakfast, we couldn't have done it without your help!



St. John's welcomes William, son of Mark & Thao Habeck, who was baptized here on Sunday, December 4, 2016 by Fr. Yanta.

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Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling Me?

Sing For Christmas

8th - 12th graders and adults who aren't currently singing in a choir at SJB and would like to try us out for the rehearsals and Masses this Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are welcome!

Rehearsals are:

Wednesday, December 21st from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Thursday, December 22nd from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Saturday, December 24th from 10:00am - noon

Saturday, December 24th from 8:00pm - 8:30pm
(prelude begins at 8:40 pm)

Sunday, December 25th from 9:15am - 9:30am
(prelude begins at 9:40am)

Instrumentalists are also needed!

Please rsvp to Teresa Schmidt at 952-429-2640 or sbjordanmusic@gmail.com

Maintenance Update

The Maintenance Committee met on November 28th to discuss our accomplishments and to determine what needs to be done in the coming year. We were able to chip seal the parking lot, have concrete repairs done and replaced the parish dining room carpet this past fiscal year. We also had to repair the stained glass window. Thanks to the generosity of many parishioners, we were able to complete these projects.

In the current fiscal year, we would like to complete the bell tower louvers (replace & paint), railings on the property (repair & paint), replace the concrete trough next to the church and paint repairs in the Upper Room and Louis Hall. Some of these projects will be done by our own parishioners and some will need to be done by outside companies.

A few long term goals are to complete the tuck pointing (\$300,000), remove the Lexon from all the other stained glass windows and replace with glass or acrylic (\$40,000-65,000) and fix Louis Hall's floor (\$16,000-42,000).

We are so blessed to have this group of guys who are willing to step up and get the work done. We had several new guys come to this meeting and they all are excited to be a part of the committee. Thank you to everyone who has helped out!!

If you would be interested in sponsoring one of these projects or helping to complete them, please contact Michelle or Marty in the parish office at 952.492.4572.

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!

Parish Council Meeting 11/22

The Council was briefed on the various Grief support ministries offered in our neighboring parishes. Both St. Wenceslaus and Sts. Joachim & Anne parishes have invited St. John's members to visit their groups and offered to assist us with training and/or development of our own grief support ministry.

Chairs of the Finance & Parish Councils, trustees, Michelle Lopez and Father Yanta will be meeting with the prospective developers interested in the old school property and city/housing project.

The Chesterton Academy proposal to locate a south campus in the Parish Center is on hold. Currently there are not enough commitments to begin the 2017 school year

Retirement Fund for Religious

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others - educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously to the retirement fund..

Knights of Columbus Corner

We will be having a Fourth Degree honor guard at the 9:00pm Christmas Eve Mass.

Wishing everyone a blessed and safe Christmas!
Vivat Jesus, Gene Eichten, Grand Knight

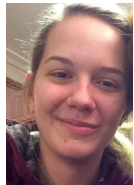


St. John's School

The St. John's School Annual Christmas Program is on Thursday, Dec 15th at 1:15pm and 6:00pm. The musical program and play will highlight the amazing gifts and talents of our school students. Please join us for a beautiful celebration of Advent and the preparations for the arrival of baby Jesus!

Dr. Bonita Jungels, Director of Education & Evangelization

Catholic Heart Workcamp



Maggie is 16 years old and is the daughter of Rich and Joan Driemeyer. She has 4 sisters. When asked why she wants to go on the Catholic Heart Workcamp Mission Trip to Colorado, Maggie said "I believe making a positive difference in someone's life is one of the most important things in the world." Maggie goes to school at Main Street School of Performing Arts and is interested in becoming a doctor.

Faith Formation

A Receptive Heart

As an Advent reflection, I thought I'd recap the main points of Elizabeth Kelly's talk from a couple weeks ago. This Advent Elizabeth invites us to make time to have a receptive heart for Christ. She reflected on Mary at the Annunciation; when the Angel Gabriel visited her she had a "virginal emptiness" to receive Christ. The emptiness Mary had wasn't lacking in essence; she was empty of anything that would prevent her from having a union with God. For some of us the idea of emptiness scares us and we feel the need to fill our time and lives with *something* other than God. The question this Advent is what are we filling ourselves with that is still leaving us empty? Once we reflect on that, we will be ready to ask God to fill these spaces in us with Him instead. One way to do this is through contemplative prayer. Prayer, Elizabeth said, isn't supposed to be an agenda of us filling the time with our words but a relationship with Christ. Praying with words is good, but we should make time for Christ to speak to us through contemplative prayer. In trying this myself, I've found it's a process and to start slow: 5 to 10 minutes working to 20 minutes at the most. The key is to move from the head to the heart and just *be* with Christ. Contemplative prayer is a grace, so pray to the Holy Spirit. Note there will be days you don't feel anything, but God is working. I heard another speaker say, "God is deeper than feelings" and we should learn to pray because we love God, not because of feelings of consolation.

Youth Group This Sunday

Youth Group is this Sunday for 9-12 graders from 6-8pm in the upper youth room. Bring your friends; anyone is invited! We will have pizza, games and time to talk about our faith. Next Sunday, December 18th, is Youth Group for 7th-8th graders.

Parish Directory

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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.

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Liturgical Ministers, Dec 17 & 18, 2016

Greeters (Jean Myers office@sjbjordan.org)

5pm Stephanie & Joe Harstad, Deb Schlag
8am Brian & Myah Mollenhoff, Linda Stemig, Betty Morinville

10am Jeff & Sue Hovland, Tom & Donna Laabs

Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Karen Umphress (karen@tnkent.com)

5pm **Lector:** Otto Chermak **Ministers:** Bruce Ahlbrecht, Gloria Ahlbrecht, Jan Hartman, Brad Heitkamp, Kay Hartmann

8am **Lector:** Ann Friedges **Ministers:** Marilyn Hentges, Jackie Lockert, Mark Wolf, Jackie Wolf, Karen Eichten

10am **Lector:** Maresa Murray **Ministers:** Keith Wolf, Anne Wolf, Jennifer Schmit, Barb Simonson, Gary Simonson, Peter Breeggemann (Choir)

Communion to Homebound (Lisa Austen 492-6040)

Schule Haus Rich & Joan Driemeyer

Homebound Jim Schwingler

Friendship Mnr/St. Gerts Sister Lalande Hennen

Valley View/Oak Terrace Joe & Michelle Lopez

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 Emilio Yzaguirre, Nate Kes, Mark Ferber

8am David Buesgens, Kade & Seth Noyes

10am Kolbe Ward, Joe Hernandez, James Ringsmuth

Sacristans (Jackie Wolf 492-3378)

5pm Tom & Mary Klehr

8am Mark & Jackie Wolf

10am Jennie Hjerpe

Communion Antiphon

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word. Luke 1:38

Mass Intentions

Sunday, Dec 11, 2016

8:00am Parish

10:00am † Rose Mary Pelowski

Tuesday, Dec 13, 2016

6:15pm † Vangie Wolf

Wednesday, Dec 14, 2016

8:15am † Roman Hoofhower

10:30am † Bonnie Nelson Family

Thursday, Dec 15, 2016

8:15am † Julia Schatz

† Mark & † Travis Hentges

Friday, Dec 16, 2016

8:15am † Sally Pieper

Saturday, Dec 17, 2016

5:00pm Parish

Sunday, Dec 18, 2016

8:00am † Bernice Kuechle (DA)

10:00am † Carolyn Bakalyar (DA)



Weekly Schedule

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)

Monday, Dec 12, 2016

7:00pm St. John's Card Club (Louis Hall)

Tuesday, Dec 13, 2016

5:45pm Confessions

6:15am Mass

7:00pm Intro to Parish Life (Location TBD)

7:00pm Ava Maria Cenacle (Chapel)

7:00pm Knights of Columbus Christmas Party (Louis Hall)

Wednesday, Dec 14, 2016

8:15am Mass

10:00am Confessions, Oak Terrace

10:30am Mass, Oak Terrace with Sacrament of Anointing

6:00pm Harmony Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Faith Formation 7-10 Grade

Thursday, Dec 15, 2016

8:15am Mass

1:15pm SJB School Christmas Program

6:00pm SJB School Christmas Program

7:00pm Small Group Bible Study

Friday, Dec 16, 2016

Parish Office Closed

8:15am Mass

8:45am Confessions

Saturday, Dec 17 2016

10:00am - Noon Kids Christmas Singing Rehearsal (for the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass)

4:00pm - 4:30pm Confessions

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, Dec 18, 2016, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Children's Liturgy of the Word during 10am Mass

8:00am Mass

10:00am Mass

4:00pm Parish Reconciliation Service with six Priests

6:00pm - 8:00pm Youth Group, 7-8 grade (Youth Room)

Readings for the Week

Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;

Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,

or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23;

Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14;

Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24