

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church


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4th Sunday of Advent, December 18, 2016



*They shall
name him
Emmanuel*

Mission Statement

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



Thank you for joining with me in preparing for Christmas by humbly praying each day: "I need help; Lord I need your help." I know that when we do this we open ourselves up to God's help. Our lives are transformed and true repentance begins. We avail ourselves to the true gift of Christmas, Jesus Christ. When we open our heart to

Jesus and receive him we experience the exact same Christmas gift the shepherds received when the angels proclaimed: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Today at 4 pm, Sunday December 18th, Jesus invites you to come to receive the gift of His peace, in and through His healing and reconciling grace through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please come and humbly present yourselves to Our Lord and ask for His help, come and receive the healing grace of Christmas. Let us all give Glory to God in the highest, and receive the peace of his healing grace. Do not forget to invite your children, spouse, neighbor, and the one person that needs to receive forgiveness the most, you know who that is, what a beautiful Christmas present to give and receive, open your heart to the peace!

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

Mary, Mother of God Masses

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Saturday, December 31st, 5:00pm

Sunday, January 1st, 8:00am & 10:00am



The blind man in today's Gospel was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle.

Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?

Communion Antiphon

The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel. Matthew 1:23

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, Monica Morgan, Jerry Hoy, Michael Weedman, Katie Hofacker, 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.

Thank You

I am grateful for your gift of \$160 for Families Moving Forward Southwest. You helped us to open doors for Tess and her son. After a few weeks Tess and her son were able to move into a townhome in New Prague. Thank you again for your generosity. Sincerely, Sarah Mollet Staiger

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Prayer Shawls Available

Are you looking for a special gift? Prayer Shawls make the perfect gift! We have several available for sale in the parish office. The suggested donation is \$20. Stop in and get yours today!

Do we have your email?

Don't miss out on important updates and changes! Send the parish office an email at office@sjbjordan.org and indicate "add me" or "update me" on the subject line. Thank you!

Children's Christmas Eve Mass

Saturday, December 24, 2015 - 4:00pm

We would love for your children to participate in St. John's celebration of Christmas at the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass. Children of all ages can participate.

Opening procession - Bell Ringers, Shepherds, Angels, Mary & Joseph. **Readers** - We especially need confident readers for our longer readings. **Bring up the Gifts** - Children involved in our procession, please come to Louis Hall by 3:30. Children 2nd grade and younger should be accompanied by a parent until just before the procession begins. Readers and our Gift Bearers will be given separate instructions prior to Mass.

If your child is interested in participating, please contact Mary Eckman at maryeckman@gmail.com or 612.237.9085 (call or text).

IMPORTANT: *If your child is already part of the children's choir that night, they should not volunteer for other parts of the Mass.*

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!

End of Year Giving

When writing out checks for your end of year giving, please keep in mind that checks received in January with a December date will be posted on the date received and credited to your 2017 giving. Many times throughout the month of January the parish office receives checks dated for December. We will not be posting those checks to the prior month (December).

Checks need to be in the parish office by Thursday, December 29th to count towards December giving, or received through the collection plate on/or before December 31st. Thank you!

Retirement Fund for Religious

Thank you for supporting senior religious. A sister from Indiana writes, "Because of your kindness, our elderly sisters will have the comfort, security, and joy of living out their remaining years here in their home. You truly honor them and their many years of service by your generosity." Religious across the United States offer sincere thanks for your generosity to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Development of the Unborn Child

Weeks 38-39 - I've turned upside down in my Mom's womb and I am standing on my head! My knees are pressed up against my chest and there's not much room to stretch anymore! I weigh about seven pounds and I am about 21 inches long. Mom is getting ready for me to be born soon, and so am I! When I am ready, my body will release hormones to start my Mom's labor. Both of us can't wait for me to be born, but we have to, just a little while longer!

Stewardship Update

Thank you to everyone who has turned in their Total Stewardship Commitment forms! We have received a response from 182 families concerning their giving commitment. Of these 182 families, 60% said they would increase their giving by 3, 5 or 10%! We have received 139 Ministry Commitment forms with several parishioners stepping forward and giving of their time and talent to try a new ministry. Our total pledges at this time are \$288,000! This is a great start but is well below our budgeted envelope and plate giving of \$581,910. If you are part of the 400 commitment forms we haven't received please turn yours in as soon as possible. It will take all of us working together to continue to grow our church and school!

Knights of Columbus Corner

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

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas!

Vivat Jesus, Gene Eichten, Grand Knight



St. John's School

What a gift we have received in all of the donations to our Challenge Grant! We are so close to reaching our goal of \$35,000! Once we reach our goal, Catholic Schools Center of Excellence will match our \$35,000 for a total of \$70,000! Thank you again for your contributions to our program. We look forward to making more scholarships available to our families as well as expanding our preschool program next year.

Our amazing art teacher, Mrs. Murray, created this beautiful mosaic in our classroom hallway to help us Prepare ye the way, for the King of Glory!

Dr. Bonita Jungels, Director of Education ☽ Evangelization



Faith Formation

Every Christmas we see the Nativity scene and if you are like me, take it for granted and romanticize it. But what if we took a few moments and let our minds wander on what it was really like? The disappointment Joseph and Mary felt about the location they were forced to settle, the smells of the stable where animals were kept, the temperature. Jesus came down from His heavenly throne and became vulnerable. It makes me think when I receive Him in the Holy Eucharist; He is vulnerable to the state of my soul. Ask yourself today, what is the state of your manger where you lay Him? There are many opportunities for confession before Christmas. Take advantage and give Jesus a comfortable, clean place to lay and receive the peace and joy the world cannot give! "When you give me your sins, you give me the joy of being your Savior." – quote from Jesus in *Consoling the Heart of Jesus*, Michael Gaitley.

Another Successful Service Project

A huge thank you to the 9-10th grade faith formation students and their families for a successful service project! Wednesday, December 7th, we had a gift drive for the Children's Hospital. More than 125 gifts were brought in and donated to the hospital to be given to those staying there over the month of December. In preparation for the Christmas season, students and catechists spent almost an hour cleaning the church and parish spaces that night as well. Many hands made light work!

Youth Group This Sunday, 7-12th Grade

With canceling youth group last weekend for 9-12th, this Sunday we will have youth group for 7th & 8th AND 9-12 graders from 6-8pm in upper youth room. Bring your friends; anyone is invited! We will have pizza, games and time to talk about our faith.

Parish Directory

Pastor, Rev. Timothy Yanta, Direct: 952.492.4560
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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8am-4:30pm
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Faith Formation

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Teresa Schmidt, Director of Sacred Music

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Lay Leadership Positions

Trustees

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Mike Behr, behrmt@frontiernet.net

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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.

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Liturgical Ministers, Dec 24 & 25, 2016

Greeters (Jean Myers office@sjbjordan.org)

- 4pm Jason & Jen Schmit & Family, need 1 more family
9pm Yvonne Sopata, need 1 more family
8am Linda Stemig, need 1 more family
10am Need 2 families

Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Karen Umphress (karen@tnkent.com)

- 4pm **Lector: Ministers:** Not available at publication
9pm **Lector: Ministers:** Not available at publication
8am **Lector: Ministers:** Not available at publication
10am **Lector: Ministers:** Not available at publication

Communion to Homebound (Lisa Austen 492-6040)

Schule Haus Not available at publication

Homebound Not available at publication

Friendship Mnr/St. Gerts Cliff & Mary Klehr

Valley View/Oak Terrace Not available at publication

Ushers (Al Menke 612-247-0297)

- 4pm Earl & Judy Pint, Tom Klehr
9pm Al Menke
8am Steve Stemig, Brian Buesgens
10am Randy Breeggemann, John Breimhorst

Mass Servers (Jean Myers 492-2640)

- 4pm Katie Hall, Tate & Avery Gregor, Riley Schmit
9pm Payton Wiegert, Hunter & Will Kvasnicka, Jordan Austin
8am David Buesgens, Joe, Samuel & Julian Pieper
10am Evan O'Brien, James & Maria Ringsmuth, Mona Driemeyer

Sacristans (Jackie Wolf 492-3378)

- 4pm Not available at publication
9pm Not available at publication
8am Ruth Pieper
10am Debbie Krzmarcik

Weekly Schedule

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 Youth Group, 7-12 grade (Youth Room)

Monday, Dec 19, 2016

Tuesday, Dec 20, 2016

- 5:45pm Confessions
6:15pm Mass
6:45pm Sunrise Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Ava Maria Cenacle (Chapel)
7:00pm Finance Council (Parish Dining Room)

Wednesday, Dec 21, 2016

- 8:15am Mass
6:00pm Christmas Adult Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm Family Formation Service Project
7:00pm Faith Formation 7-10 Grade
7:30pm Catechist Training

Thursday, Dec 22, 2016

- 8:15am Mass
6:00pm Christmas Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Small Group Bible Study

Friday, Dec 23, 2016

Parish Office Closed

No School

- 8:00am Adoration Chapel Closes**
8:15am Mass
8:45am Confessions
1:30pm Kids Sing for Christmas Rehearsal

Saturday, Dec 24, 2016

- 3:00pm Kids Sing for Christmas Rehearsal
4:00pm Mass
8:00pm Christmas Adult Choir Rehearsal
9:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, Dec 25, 2016, The Nativity of the Lord

- 8:00am Christmas Mass
9:15am Christmas Adult Choir Rehearsal
10:00am Christmas Mass

Monday, December 26, 2016

Holiday, Church & Building Closed

Readings for the Week

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Mass Intentions

Sunday, Dec 18, 2016

- 8:00am † Bernice Kuechle (DA)
10:00am † Caroline Bakalyar (DA)

Tuesday, Dec 20, 2016

- 6:15pm † Verena Siefert
† Bud Geis (DA)

Wednesday, Dec 21, 2016

- 8:15am † Mel Hentges
† Rick Sohler

Thursday, Dec 22, 2016

- 8:15am † Nellie Wick (BD)

Friday, Dec 23, 2016

- 8:15am † Danny Kochlin
† Paul Reisinger

Saturday, Dec 24, 2016

- 4:00pm † Nick & † Clara Lambrecht
9:00pm † Bob & † Kevin Breeggemann

Sunday, Dec 25, 2016

- 8:00am † Harold Lambrecht
10:00am Parish

