St. John the Baptist

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Mass Schedule

All Masses are currently being live-streamed
Weekend: Saturday 6:00 pm
              Sunday 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am
Weekday: Monday, Wed - Friday 8:00 a.m.
         Tuesday 7:00 pm

Holy Days of Obligation
7:30 pm (vigil), 6:00 am, 8:00 am & 5:30 pm

Liturgical Events

Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer)
Monday, Wednesday, Friday following Mass 8:00 am

Adoration
Every Tuesday beginning at 7:00 am.

Perpetual Help Devotions
Tuesdays at 6:45 pm followed by Mass at 7:00 pm

First Saturday Devotions
Rosary 7:45 am • Mass 8:00 am

Confession
Sat. 5:00-5:45pm, Sunday 6:15-6:45am & 9:50-10:15am
7:00-7:30 am Monday thru Thursday, Tuesday 6-6:30pm or by appointment.

Baptisms
Parishioners are asked to please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

Marriages
Parishioners are asked to make arrangements with the pastor at least six months in advance.

Bulletin Deadline
Please contact the Pastor or Sara Maune, Parish Secretary, at 636-583-2488 or email stjohnsgild@yhti.net by Noon on Wednesday.
Parish Meetings

MON:  7/6  Knights of Columbus 7pm, outside, east side of church
TUES:  
WED:  

St John’s Parish website is now up and running although still a work in progress.
We also have new web addresses:

sjg-parish.org
sjg-psr.org

Sunday bulletins are accessible through both sites.

Women’s Adoration Society
A group of women centered on the Eucharist for the “spiritual nourishment” of our parish on Sunday, July 12 at 8pm in church. There will be a special period of adoration and prayer. All women of the parish invited!

“For where there are two or three gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Matthew 18:20

SAINT JOHN’S REGISTRATION FORM
If you have not registered, please join our parish by filling out this registration form and dropping it off in either the collection basket or the parish office. If you have any questions about how you can participate in the spiritual or sacramental life of our Church, please call Father Foy.

Name___________________________________________________
Address_________________________________________________
City___________________________ State_____  Zip____________
Phone________________ Email______________________________

These organizations/ministries are available, if interested:
□ Altar Linen  □ Altar Server  
□ Eucharistic Minister  □ Lector  
□ Ladies Sodality  □ Knights of Columbus  
□ Musician & Choir  □ Men’s Club  
□ Parish Youth Aide  □ Parish Religious Ed. (PSR)  
□ Helping Hands Outreach to the Poor  □ RCIA Team or Sponsor  
□ Young Adult Rosary Group  □ Usher

Upcoming Parish Events

July 12  **Women’s Adoration Society**  8pm
July 15  8th Grade Graduation, 7pm
July 19  First Communion, 1pm
July 23  Confirmation, 7pm
July 26  **Men’s Adoration Society**
Aug 10  Preschool Playdate 9-11am
Aug 17  Pre-K – 8th Open House 5-6:30pm
Aug 19  First Day of School
Oct 5-9  Marian Pilgrimage on the Katy Trail with Fr. Foy

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Our Women’s Adoration Society is hosting an event on July 12th at 8pm in church. It is a special period of adoration and prayer for all women of the parish. Please join us to experience this spiritual nourishment.

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**ORGANIZATIONS AND MINISTRIES AVAILABLE**: We have a variety of organizations and ministries available for those interested. Some include Altar Linen, Altar Server, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Knights of Columbus, Men’s Club, Parish Religious Education (PSR), RCIA Team or Sponsor, Helping Hands Outreach to the Poor, Young Adult Rosary Group, and Usher.

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**Annual Catholic Appeal**

Please prayerfully consider donating to the ACA. We will not be handing out cards at the tables as in previous years. The ACA assists people in need all over the diocese along with programs in which we benefit. There are multiple ways to donate:

- If you received a card in the mail you can either drop it in the mail or bring it by the rectory.
- If you did not receive a card in the mail or if you are a new parishioner please contact us so we can get you a card.
- Donate through the Archdiocese website: archstl.org/aca
- OSV On-line Giving website: www.osvonlinegiving.com/4878
- Access On-line Giving with the myParish App by clicking on the “Give to Annual Catholic Appeal” link on the homepage.
- Or through the online giving link on sjg-psr.org

**Church Finances Stewardship of Treasure**

**June 28, 2020**
- Envelopes: $6,670.00
- Loose: $2,766.00
- Helping Hands Outreach: $110.00
- On-Line Giving: $2,171.67

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Thank you for your continued support and participation in our Parish.
Readings for the week of July 5, 2020

**Sunday:** Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 [cf. 1]/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
**Monday:** Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 9:18-26
**Tuesday:** Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10 [9a]/Mt 9:32-38
**Wednesday:** Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [4b]/Mt 10:1-7
**Thursday:** Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16 [4b]/Mt 10:7-15
**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17 [17b]/Mt 10:16-23
**Saturday:** Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Mt 10:24-33

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**Men’s Adoration Society**
A group of men centered on the Eucharist for the “spiritual protection of our parish”. The next event will take place in Church on **Sunday, July 26th at 8pm** and will include a special period of adoration. Come see what it’s all about!

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**Parish School of Religion (PSR):**

PSR is in need of teachers for Kindergarten, 4th & 5th grades and substitutes. If you are interested, please contact Adam Weber at awprsrtjohn@aol.com or call/text 314-330-0599. **PSR is on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:45 beginning August 26th.** The only requirement is you have completed “Protecting God’s Children” offered free by the Archdiocese.

PSR registration has begun. You may find the forms online at: sjgpsr.org. Or, you can even register online. Payments may be made by check mailed to the rectory at: 5567 Gildehaus Road, Villa Ridge, MO 63089 or paid online via clicking the “Online Giving” link at sjgpsr.org or through the “Online Giving” app by Our Sunday Visitor available for both Apple and Android.

Sacramental preparation is a 2 year process at St. John’s. So, for 2nd grade sacraments, you must attend 1st grade, too. For Confirmation in 8th grade, you must attend 7th grade. If you missed last year or just became a St. John’s parishioner, contact Adam Weber at awprsrtjohn@aol.com or 314-330-0599.

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**Please DO NOT donate Aluminum cans to the school at this time. We will let you know when we can start taking them again. Thank you!**

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**SUMMER FLOWER WATERING**

As in past summers, we are looking for parishioners to volunteer through the months of July-October to water flowers around church, the rectory and behind church by school. The sign-up sheets are in the church vestibule with more information. Please help keep our church grounds looking beautiful! We have made it easy. It will take a little of your time, but at your convenience. THANK YOU to all who have signed up in the past. Please call Pat Gephardt for more info 636-239-7518.

Ready to sign up? Just go to www.osvonlinegiving.com/4878. It’s quick & easy! Or, go thru myParish App and click on “Giving”.

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**SICK IN THE PARISH:** Bernice Straatmann, Debbie O’Malley, Andy Tobben, Diana Brinker, Bob Hayden Sr., Betty Brautigam, Willie Kessler, Rosie Spaunhorst, Allen Gephardt, Vernon Brinker, Rich Skiljan. We ask the Lord to bless all those who are sick or injured in our community, those who are in a nursing home, and those homebound.

**HOMEBOUND/SHUT-IN:** Please keep in mind if you or someone you know is convalescing or returning from the hospital and would like Communion at home, please call the rectory.

**PRAYER CHAIN:** Don’t forget to get help from our Prayer Chain. It’s been around for a while now, so it’s easy to take it for granted and overlook the POWER of united prayer. When you have a pressing need, please don’t forget to make use of this resource of people who care and want to be there in prayer with you. Call Laverne Schwoeppe at 636-742-5754 or 636-288-6382. She will get the Prayer Chain members to pray with you. You do not have to be a member of this Prayer Chain to make a prayer request.

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**July 6–July 12**

Mon. 8:00 a.m. Fr. Robert L. Heimos
Tue. 7:00 p.m. Ervin Schmoll
Wed. 8:00 a.m. Norma Straatmann
Thur. 8:00 a.m. Harold Cornett
Fri. 8:00 a.m. Rick McCain
Sat. 8:00 a.m. Agnes Spaunhorst
Sat. 6:00 p.m. L/D Members of Dietrich Gildehaus family
Sun. 7:00 a.m. Mary Hillerman
Sun. 8:30 a.m. Bob Ehlenbeck
Sun. 10:30 a.m. For the People
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy 4th of July and Happy 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time! A few years ago the archdiocese had a two week block on the liturgical calendar known as the “Fortnight for Religious Freedom.” This last two weeks in particular has seen a real attack on the outward artistic expressions of our religious freedom in San Francisco especially, but also here in St. Louis. Yesterday, as I write this, the statue of Francis Scott Key was ripped down in San Francisco by an angry mob. For days now there has been an effort around the statue of St. Louis on Art Hill to bring it down. If you take what these people have been saying at face value, they will not be satisfied with taking down the statue or even changing the city’s name. They are interested in going after Catholicism wholesale and have made threats against our own cathedral. While you may be aware of all of this, I ask you to pray for our church in St. Louis and to pray for the conversion of hearts. Also, forgive these people. From the cross, Jesus cried out, “Father, forgive them for they do not know what they do.” The same should be on our lips and in our hearts. None of these characters appears to have known Christ or even had a good example of a Christian in their lives. We should not hate them despite their outrages. Ultimately, it is not they themselves, but the spirit of evil working through them and so many others that is tearing at our society.

What can you do? Everyone can pray. Many of us can do some fasting. Consider the Lenten routine for a day or two out of the week: 2 smaller meals with one larger meal that is not more than the 2 smaller meals. Offer it up for peace in our country. Read Sacred Scripture…check out Presentation Ministries.com/series/publications/publication-ThroughBible-247766#Jun. Go to daily Mass. Pray the rosary and consecrate yourself to Jesus through Mary on behalf of our country. Email or write a letter of concern to the St. Louis Mayor Krewson and/or Governor Parson.

Perhaps even more importantly to act with great sacrificial love whenever we can in our lives. Put others first. If it has been a long time, go to confession so that your soul will be able to receive the graces of the Eucharist. If it has not been a long time, still go to confession in the effort to spread repentance. If we desire our country to change directions (repent) then this can start with our own conscious effort.

Next week we have 8th Grade Graduation. Congratulations to all of our students! We also have First Holy Communion on July 19! Congratulations to all of our 2nd graders as well!! Please pray for our students and this wonderful transition in their spiritual lives. Soon they will receive Our Lord in the Precious Body and Blood.

Concerning the Eucharist, we just had our first Men’s Adoration Society session on June 28th. It was a terrific success. The Women’s Adoration Society begins July 12th at 8 pm. There will be a similar format, but their optional task will be in the service of the spiritual nourishment of our parish. Hope to see you in adoration.

At the end of the day, there is a lot to give thanks for around St. John’s. The parish center is getting a complete restroom renovation with a lot of work from our own crew of volunteers. Some of the money will be coming from an Ensuring Parish Viability (EPV) grant which had this project as its goal. The other money is being supplied through the Home and School Organization and the raise-the-paddle money from the dinner dance auction. Thank you to all who are actively involved in this endeavor. The transformation of our restrooms will help keep the parish center an attractive home for all of our events.

As we celebrate the 4th of July, please pray for our country and our region. It’s interesting that the new Archbishop-Elect Mitchell Rozanski will be installed on August 25th, the Feast of St. Louis.

May God bless you and be your Strength,

Father Foy
Monday, July 6, 7 pm Monthly business meeting outside on the east side of church. Please bring your own lawn chair. In the event of rain, we will hold in the parish hall or music room.

For all first degree members, it's now easier than ever to get your second and third degree and can be done from the comfort of your own home. For the time being, this is being held online at select times and takes approximately 45 minutes. Please contact Jon Derner at the number below if you are interested.

If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact Jon Derner at 314-808-2400.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy; Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Confession is readily available for anyone wishing to receive this Sacrament!

Sat. 5:00-5:45pm, Sunday 6:15-6:45am & 9:50-10:15am
Monday thru Thursday  7:00-7:30 am
Tuesday 6:00-6:30pm

Or call Fr. Foy to set up an appointment 636-583-2488

Flowers in Memoriam
You can donate fresh flowers for the altar any Sunday for $50. They can be for a special occasion, in memory of someone, or anonymous. Just drop a note in the collection basket with your requested date along with the donation.

SCHOOL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE. THE WEB ADDRESS IS:

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Or

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