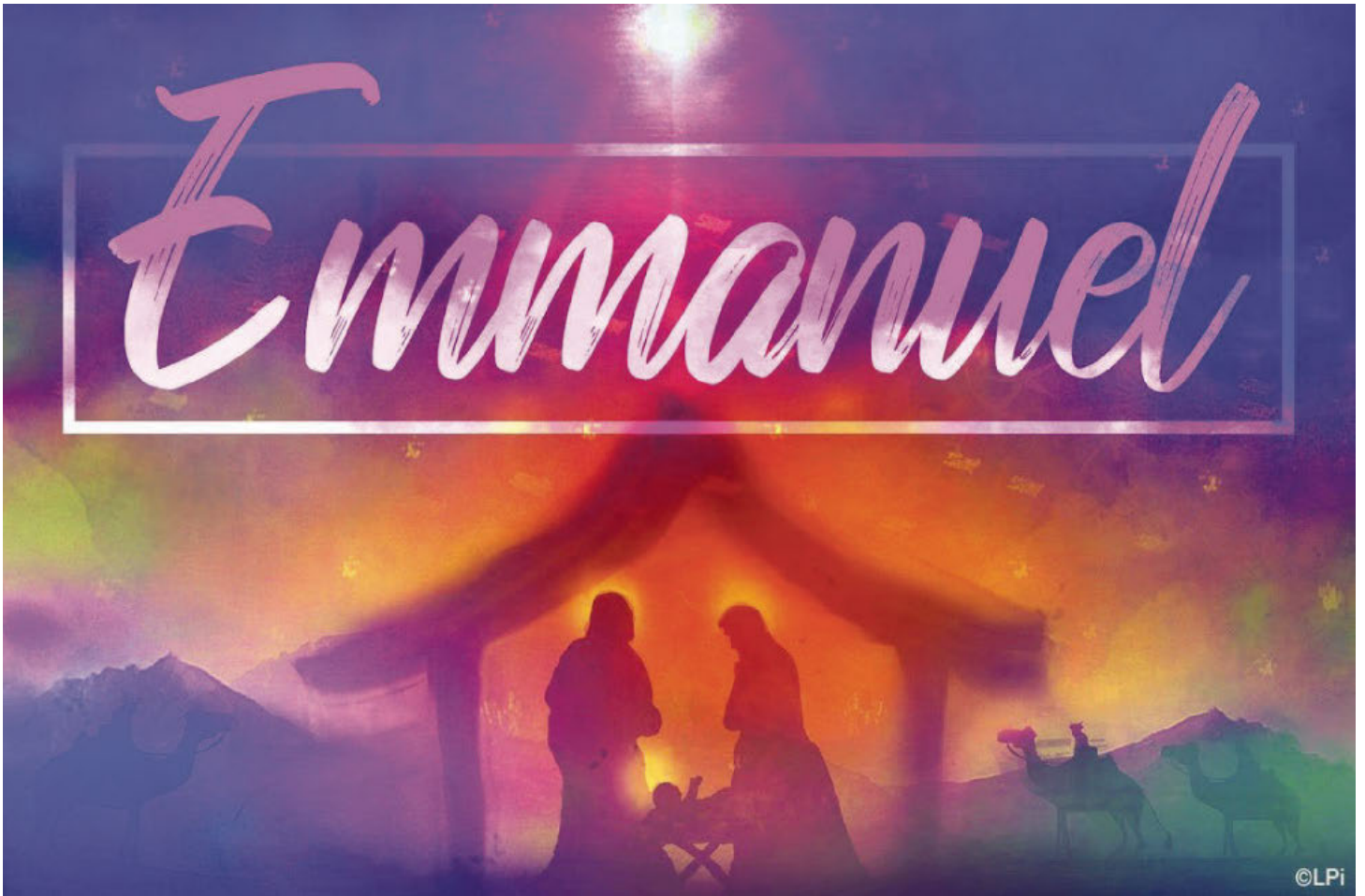




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DECEMBER 26TH, 2021 | THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY,
AND JOSEPH



For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but
have eternal life.

John 3:16

PRAYER | WORSHIP

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

TUESDAY, December 28

8:30 AM Florian Wesolowski

WEDNESDAY, December 29

8:30 AM Frank Kaminski

THURSDAY, December 30

8:30 AM People of the Parish

FRIDAY, December 31

8:30 AM People of the Parish

5:00 PM People of the Parish

SATURDAY, January 1

9:00 AM Yvonne Wierzba

4:30 PM People of the Parish

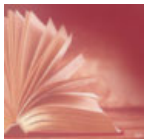
SUNDAY, January 2

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM Gary Geurts

SCRIPTURE READINGS

JANUARY 2ND | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Reading I: Isaiah 60:1-6

Reading II: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday–Friday: 8:30 AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday–Friday, 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM

First Thursday: 9:00 AM to 7:30 PM
(Holy Hour at 6:30 PM)

Third Thursday: 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

PRIVATE PRAYER

Monday–Friday, Noon to 1:00 PM

COMMUNITY ROSARY

Monday–Friday: 8:00 AM

Sunday: 7:30 AM



RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9:30–10:30 AM
(or by appointment)

BAPTISM

Baptism Class is offered each month and is required prior to Baptism.

Register by calling the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Contact the Parish Office at least eight months in advance.



We are a family here at St. Johns, that means we are always here for you and want to pray for you!



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THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON:

- MONDAY, DECEMBER 27TH
- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
- MONDAY, JANUARY 3RD



JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY & THE EPIPHANY!

DECEMBER 31ST MASS TIMES:
 8:30am - Morning Mass
 5:00pm - Solemnity of Mary Mother of God



JANUARY 1ST MASS TIMES:
 9:00am - Solemnity of Mary
 4:30pm - Epiphany of the Lord Vigil

JANUARY 2ND MASS TIMES:
 8:00am & 10:00am - Epiphany of the Lord



UPCOMING EVENTS

HS Game Night
 board games, consoles and cards

Beginning January
 2nd & 4th Mondays
 7-9pm
 Ministry Center



EXODUS 90
 FELLOWSHIP · PRAYER · SACRIFICE

Looking for a way to deepen your faith and grow in community? Exodus 90 is a 90-day spiritual exercise for men based on three pillars: prayer, asceticism (discipline), and fraternity. It will run from January 17 through Easter (April 17.) The experience of Exodus 90 has allowed many men to experience freedom and detachment in their life that allows them to be more present to the Lord and their family. St. John the Baptist will be looking to start a group this January. If you are interested, please email Rob Sobieck at rsobieck@sjbh.org or call 920-434-2145, ext. 203. In the meantime, check out the Exodus 90 website for more info at www.exodus90.com.

From your Parish Staff

"Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord."

(Luke 2: 10-11)

We would like to take a moment to wish you a very Merry Christmas. During this season, we celebrate Hope, Peace, Love and Joy; We pray that all four of these would fill your life in every way this Christmas and beyond. This Christmas, as in all previous years, we celebrate **"Immanuel"** (God with us). Without Christ's presence among us we would be lost. Through God's presence working within us we are being healed, transformed, reconciled and made whole.

We would like to thank all of our parishioners for your commitment to our parish this past year. The giving of your time, talent, and treasure to the Lord continues to bear fruit for the Kingdom of God. We would also like to extend our gratitude to all who worked so hard to make our Christmas celebration truly wonderful. Thanks to all who were involved in decorating our church and setting up for the different liturgies this season and throughout the liturgical year. Also, a special thank you to the devoted members of the various ministries in our parish and especially to those who work quietly, behind the scenes.

Christmas belongs to believers, to those who believe that Jesus Christ, Son of God, was born of the Virgin Mary to reconcile us to one another and to the Father. This is why He came. God will fill us with His peace if there is room in our lives for Him. We pray that your family and homes be filled with the Blessings of Peace, Hope, Joy, and Love.

With heartfelt love and gratitude!

-Your SJB Parish Staff

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Welcome to all who come through our doors!

When asked why they chose St. John's, the new member often will say *'because we felt welcomed.'* Hospitality - welcoming the friend, the new member, and the stranger - is one of the most important ways we imitate Christ and live out our faith. It really is one of the highest Christian duties and callings.

We thank you (our new members) for answering a special interior call to become a parish member of St. John the Baptist parish community. When Jesus lived on earth 2000 years ago, his early disciples also answered their call to be partakers in the Body (Church) of Christ. "We, though many are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another." Rom 12:5

Be sure to use the resources listed in the New Member packet (given to you at time of registration) & Stewardship of Service booklet (found at sjbh.org/parishlife). We look forward to sharing the gifts of St. John the Baptist parish life with you and your special gifts with us, especially your presence at Mass that enriches each and all of our lives at St. John's.

Please take a little time to introduce yourself and family before or after Mass and to other parishioners. We look forward to being in ministry with each of you.

If you are new to St. John's, and have not registered, please visit <https://www.sjbh.org/imnew> and fill out the form. Ruth Holloway will be in touch with you very soon to meet with you and finish the registration process.

PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION — WHO WILL OUR CHILDREN FOLLOW?



The Christmas story we share with our children is about following God's messengers and traveling towards Christ. Mary and Joseph both said, "Yes" to the angel's request and brought Jesus into the world. The shepherds followed the angels' proclamation and went to Bethlehem to meet Jesus. Last, the three kings followed a star to find our newborn king. Each of these people listened and followed God's messengers which led them to meet and worship Jesus.

Parents and teachers at St. John the Baptist School are called to be God's modern day messengers to our children. It's not an easy task, the world is far louder today than it was 2000 years ago when Jesus was born. Because of this, we must make sharing the message of Jesus a priority. Prayer is a daily practice at St. John the Baptist School, as I know it is in many of your homes. I ask that each of us make an extra effort to be true messengers of Our Lord this season. We want our children to know and worship Jesus in this world so they can one day join Him in heaven.

Bishop David Ricken summarizes it well: "If we don't share our faith with our children, what will the world share with them instead? If we don't pray for them, with them and teach them how to pray, where will they turn in difficulty and who will they turn to?"

I can't think of a better gift to share with our children this Christmas than love of and for Christ.

Andrew Mulloy



Do you know someone struggling with their mental health?

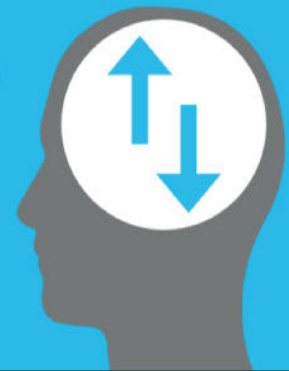
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One in four people will be affected by a mental health problem at some point in their lives, yet the stigma surrounding mental illness silences many and prevents faith communities from responding compassionately and effectively. This eight-session course explores the realities of mental health and illness, as well as the vital need for faith-based community conversations about these topics. The sessions are accompanied by compelling films that feature the stories of Catholics living with mental health challenges, along with the insights of archbishops, theologians, and psychologists.

This course is for anyone (18+) who wants to learn about faith & mental health!

- People with questions about mental health
- People supporting loved ones with mental health problems
- People living with mental health problems
- Leaders/religious educators who want to engage their community in mental health

Visit sjbh.org/mental-health to sign-up and for more information



Everyday Stewardship — Recognizing God in the Ordinary Moments All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold?

Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us. But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship. You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother? The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father? Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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