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JANUARY 2ND, 2022 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

PRAYER | WORSHIP

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

TUESDAY, January 4

8:30 AM Bernice Johnson

WEDNESDAY, January 5

8:30 AM Nadine Bateman

THURSDAY, January 6

8:30 AM Catherine VandenAvond

FRIDAY, January 7

8:30 AM John & Jane Lynch

SATURDAY, January 8

4:30 PM Norman Corbeille

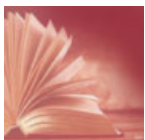
SUNDAY, January 9

8:00 AM Richard Goluch

10:00 AM Catherine VandenAvond

SCRIPTURE READINGS

JANUARY 9TH | THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Reading I: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Reading II: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

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)

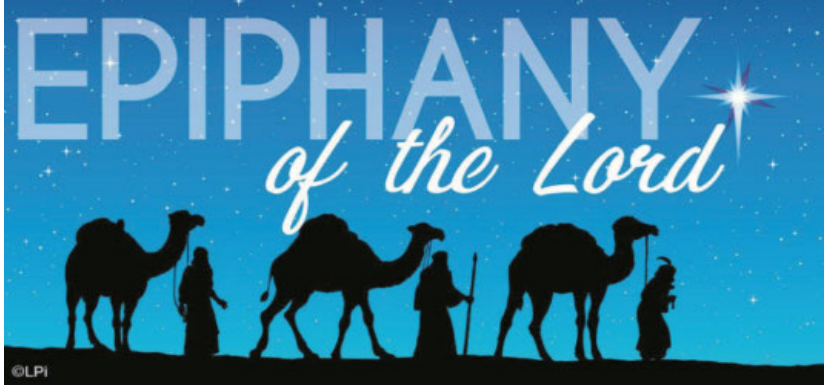
BAPTISM

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. John's, that means we are always here for you and want to pray for you!



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THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH & SCHOOL!!



The Parish office will be closed Friday, December 31st & Monday, January 3rd



NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION TUESDAY EVENING!!!

ARE YOU NEW TO ST. JOHNS BUT NOT REGISTERED YET? IF SO, WE WILL BE HAVING NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION THIS TUESDAY, JANUARY 4TH @6:30PM IN THE FIREPLACE ROOM.

If you plan on attending, please call Ruth at 434-2145 ext. 209 to ensure we have enough materials.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU & ANSWERING ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT ST. JOHN'S. WELCOME!

THE HOUR OF POWER!

Join us for Holy Hour this Thursday, January 6th 2022 6:30pm

This holy hour will be hosted by our Catholic Women / Christian Mothers & the sacrament of reconciliation will be offered.



Upcoming Opportunities!



The Sanctuary Course for Catholics Beginning at St. John's on January 22nd

Do you know someone struggling with their mental health?

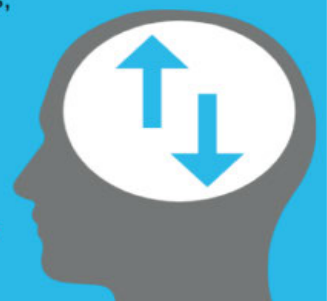
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One in four people will be affected by a mental health problem at some point in their lives, yet the stigma surrounding mental illness silences many and prevents faith communities from responding compassionately and effectively. This eight-session 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 who wants to learn about faith and 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 signup and for more information



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“Sowing the Right Seed Always Brings You the Right Harvest.” (Gal 6:7)

2021 Church Contributions

All contributions for 2021 must be turned into the Parish Office by Friday, December 31st in order to receive your deduction for this year. If you choose to mail your donation, it must be post-marked no later than December 31st, 2021.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

Looking for people who have IT!

St. John's is developing an **Information Technology Ministry** and are looking for any volunteers in our parish family who would like to be part of it.

Here are a few qualities we are looking for:

- ◆ Ability to problem solve simple issues with IT server, hardware or software
- ◆ Council and advise on our current and future IT service providers
- ◆ Council and advise on hardware and software purchases
- ◆ Set up new users and laptops
- ◆ Help create documentation as necessary
- ◆ Quarterly meetings

If you fit one or more of these qualifications, have IT experience, and would like to help us bring the technology at St. John's to the next level while ensuring it is cost effective; we would love to hear from you! The time commitment is up to you!

If you are interested in this ministry or have any questions please contact Sarah Wulf at swulf@sjbh.org.



A Prayer for the New Year!

God of all time, help us enter the New Year quietly, thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others, mindful that our steps make an impact and our words carry power.

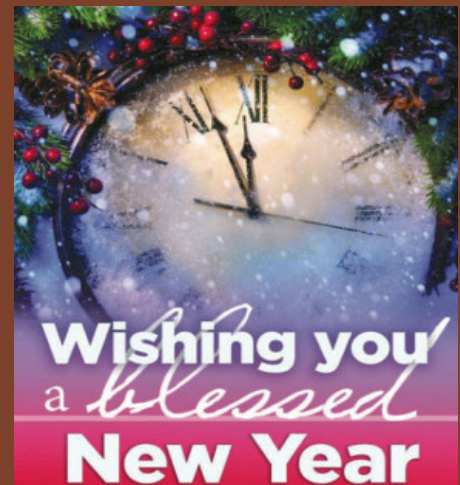
May we walk gently. May we speak only after we have listened well.

Creator of all life, help us enter the New Year reverently, aware that you have endowed every creature and plant, every person and habitat with beauty and purpose.

May we regard the world with tenderness. May we honor rather than destroy.

Help us enter the New Year joyfully, willing to laugh and dance and dream, remembering our many gifts with thanks and looking forward to blessings yet to come.

May we welcome your lavish love. In this New Year, may the grace and peace of Christ bless us now and in the days ahead.





Are you a New Year's Resolution starter but not a finisher?

Your Health and Wellness Committee team is here to share some helpful tips to starting 2022 with a greater purpose for your Physical and Spiritual health and well-being. During the month of January, we will be sharing these helpful tips. To start you off, here are five resolutions to get you on the path to a healthier life-style:

- ◇ Reduce your stress and improve your mental health
- ◇ Get more sleep
- ◇ Exercise more frequently
- ◇ Commit to a healthy eating plan
- ◇ Make time for an activity that makes you happy

Turn your resolutions into SMART goals before you jump in. SMART goals are specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and timely. They make it easy to set a clear goal and track your progress.

Next week Health and Wellness Team Member, Rena Esposito, will be sharing information on Emotional Wellness.

The Health and Wellness team will be restarting the Blood Pressure screenings, offering CPR training, and the Community Blood Center will be here on March 26th. More details to follow on all upcoming events.

We're happy to be back serving our parish family and the community. If you're interested in joining this committee, please contact Diana Ball (balldar@new.rr.com)

Happy New Year to our Parish Family!

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January 2, 2022

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Whether you are a veteran in the spiritual life or are just beginning, start this year off right by recommitting yourself to prayer! Join Drs. Tim Gray and Elizabeth Klein as they discuss ways to kickstart your prayer life this year!



<https://watch.formed.org/pick-of-the-week>

FORMED is recommended by the SJB Stewardship Committee.

Go to www.sjbh.org for more information.

Is giving back to your community part of your New Year's resolution?

Do you belong to St. John the Baptist Church?

ALL women are invited to join us for our January meeting on Thursday, January 13th at 6:00 p.m. social, meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. We will practice safe social distancing and follow any current mandates to keep all of our visitors and members safe.

Enriching the lives of women through fellowship in Christ for over 125 years. We look forward to seeing you all.

Please RSVP at (920) 609-4545 or email bookthorn@aol.com.



Thank you again to all who donated to the Advent Giving Tree this season.

Advent Giving Tree final numbers are in!

Our final numbers were: \$12,480 which is \$3,120 more than last year!

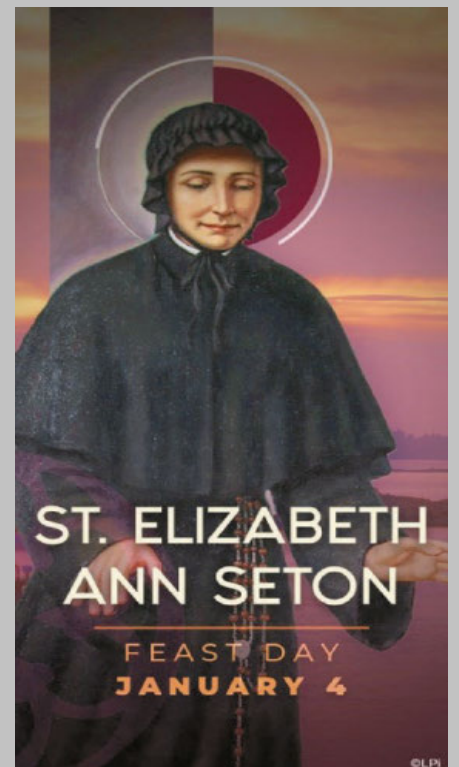
Through your donations, 9 families and 5 organizations in our area were gifted with much needed Scrip cards to help those in need. Your generosity is inspiring to so many. A sincere thank you to all!

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton | January 4

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint".



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