

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

"ALL IN NOW . . . SO WE ARE ALL IN HEAVEN"



MASS SCHEDULE:

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Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri: 8AM

Tuesday: 5:30PM

Saturday 5PM

Sunday 8 & 11AM

LIVESTREAM MASS: Wed. 8AM/Sat. 5PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Tuesday and Saturday at 9AM

All confessions will be heard in the church confessional. Please enter through door 10 and follow the signs to maintain social distancing.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri/Sat: 9AM-5PM

Wednesday: 11AM-8PM

Sunday: 12-5PM

CONTACT US:

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9AM-3PM

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952-890-9465

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Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick & Funeral Assistance: call the Parish Office.

FOR AN OFF HOURS EMERGENCY

CALL: 763-572-4355

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5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." - Mk 1:38

FEBRUARY 7, 2021 | FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

ARCHDIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O God, we earnestly ask you to bless this archdiocese with many priests, brothers, and sisters who will love you with their whole strength and gladly spend their entire lives to serve your Church and to make you known and loved.

Bless our families, bless our children. Choose from our homes those needed for your work.

Mary, Queen of the Clergy, pray for us, pray for our priests, religious, and deacons. Obtain for us many more.

Amen.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

*February 7, 2021
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

READING I: JB 7:1-4, 6-7

Job spoke, saying:
Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?
Are not his days those of hirelings?
He is a slave who longs for the shade,
a hireling who waits for his wages.
So I have been assigned months of misery,
and troubled nights have been allotted to me.
If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?"
then the night drags on;
I am filled with restlessness until the dawn.
My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle;
they come to an end without hope.
Remember that my life is like the wind;
I shall not see happiness again.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
R. (cf. 3a) Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

READING II: 1 COR 9:16-19, 22-23

Brothers and sisters:
If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast,
for an obligation has been imposed on me,
and woe to me if I do not preach it!
If I do so willingly, I have a recompense,
but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship.
What then is my recompense?
That, when I preach,
I offer the gospel free of charge
so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

Although I am free in regard to all,
I have made myself a slave to all
so as to win over as many as possible.
To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

I have become all things to all, to save at least some.
All this I do for the sake of the gospel,
so that I too may have a share in it.

GOSPEL: MK 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue
Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John.
Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever.
They immediately told him about her.
He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up.
Then the fever left her and she waited on them.

When it was evening, after sunset,
they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons.
The whole town was gathered at the door.
He cured many who were sick with various diseases,
and he drove out many demons,
not permitting them to speak because they knew him.

Rising very early before dawn, he left
and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed.
Simon and those who were with him pursued him
and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you."
He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages
that I may preach there also."
For this purpose have I come."
So he went into their synagogues,
preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became Man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

MYSTERY OF FAITH

Save us, savior of the world. For by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST (CONT.)

LAMB OF GOD

- Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
- Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
- Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Distribution of Holy Communion

CONCLUDING RITES

FINAL BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace

UPDATES TO MASS SCHEDULE

Thanks be to God that we have seen a steady increase in attendance at all weekend Masses over the last several weeks. It is encouraging that so many of you are returning to Mass, especially during these most challenging days in our country. Given this trend and the recent new directives from the state and the archdiocese with regard to capacity, we will add back a third Sunday Mass. Beginning with the first Sunday in Lent, February 21, our Sunday Masses will be at 7:30, 9:15, and 11AM. We will continue to livestream the Saturday 5PM Mass.

For those currently serving as weekday Mass coordinators, please know that we can use your help on weekends (*particularly at the Sunday Masses*). And if weekends aren't an option for you right now, we invite you to also consider serving as a sacristan on weekdays. Please email Deacon Joel at jneisen@stjohns-savage.org if either of these roles interest you!

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MON/WED/THURS/FRI: 8AM
TUESDAY: 5:30PM
SATURDAY: 5PM
SUNDAY: 8 and 11AM
SUNDAYS STARTING FEB. 21: 7:30, 9:15, and 11AM

LIVESTREAM MASS SCHEDULE

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WEDNESDAY: 8AM
SATURDAY: 5PM

RECONCILIATION:

TUESDAY/SATURDAY: 9AM

ADORATION:

MON/TUES/THURS/FRI/SAT: 9AM–5PM
WEDNESDAY: 11AM–8PM
SUNDAY: 12–5PM

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Want to pray specifically for others?

Join in a prayer ministry at St. John's! Here are the options:

Holy Family Prayer Group: meets on Tuesdays in-person in the cry room at 4PM; no pre-registration needed, just come join in

Adoration: become a regular Adorer to pray one hour a week in front of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel by contacting Candace Kropp at peastj@gmail.com

Prayer Warrior: pray regularly at-home on your own time for monthly prayer intentions from St. John's; contact Liz Lockhart at FaithFormation@stjohns-savage.org for more info Let's Get Praying, St. John's!

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Join others who prayer a Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by the rosary at 7:25AM before weekday Mass.

Have prayer intentions? St. John's has you covered in prayer! Simply click the prayer intention button at the top of our website to share your intentions.

A NOTE FROM FATHER LITTLE



Even though I've been back awhile now from vacation, I haven't had a chance to write to you. I can report that the freezer is full of fish, and that fish were fried and enjoyed multiple times during the vacation itself. We had a great time on the ice and the fish cooperated. Even though God saw fit not to favor me with a truly large walleye, I caught plenty of "eaters" and I got to assist with landing some truly great 20-inch-plus fish for my friends. God was also very good to me in other ways during the time away—most especially during our morning Mass and Eucharistic Holy Hour in the loft of our Airbnb cabin. I was given a strong sense of peace and refreshment, and also deep gratitude for the blessing of serving the SJB community.

Speaking of prayer, I look forward now to my annual silent retreat. I will be returning to the Merciful Heart Hermitage in Black Canyon City, Arizona, for an eight-day Ignatian silent retreat. I will spend many hours in prayer in a small hermitage cabin in the desert, and also in a beautiful chapel that I came to cherish last year during my first visit (shortly before COVID upended our world). Once again this year, Fr. Tim Sandquist will be one of the other three priests on retreat with me, and I look forward to catching up with him on the flight down and the return trip. Other than that, we will be in complete silence and unable to chat! Please pray for safe travel and for a fruitful time of deep prayer and encounter with the Lord. I will pray for all of you and ask that God renew and deepen in me a love for him and his people at St. John's.

I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to join in what I consider to be my first Catholic Schools Week in many years. Even though I was here last year, I was still in transition between parishes and didn't feel like I could really savor it. With the COVID restrictions this year, there was still a bit of a limiting factor on the enjoyment of the week. So I look forward to the years to come and commend our school for embracing the spirit of the week in spite of those limitations. I continue to see such great life and vigor in our school community that really shines in a special week like this past one. It bears repeating again and again that our whole school community—and indeed many catholic schools—have distinguished themselves by their dedication and fortitude through this difficult year, and it is right to celebrate them!

Lastly, I want to make everyone aware of a good thing that is happening in the archdiocese. The Catholic Leadership Institute out of Philadelphia has been running a pilot program to evaluate all the priests of the archdiocese in helping them to grow as leaders. We have all taken (or should have by now) a long survey to know our gifts and also invite several other brother priests to evaluate us. It has been humbling to ask others to evaluate me and to do the same for others. But I do think that fruit will come of this effort and I applaud Archbishop Hebda and Bishop Cozzens for bringing us this opportunity. Whenever we "live in the light"—no matter our vocation—we allow God's grace to be received into us and are more and more converted to him! Please pray that this effort will bring good things and can serve to be an example in other dioceses around the country.

Yours in Christ,

MASS INTENTIONS



SAT., FEB. 6:	† Todd Kelsey
SUN., FEB. 7:	
8AM:	† Bill Verkuilen
11AM:	† Roger Curtis Day
MON., FEB. 8:	† Clem Adelman
TUES., FEB. 9:	† Stephen Kelleher
WEDS., FEB. 10:	
8AM:	† Job VanDerKlaauw
THURS., FEB. 11:	Special Intention for Kevin & Char Lattery
FRI., FEB. 12:	† Joe Mohs
SAT., FEB. 13:	† Bob Jones
SUN., FEB. 14:	
8AM:	† Betty Bohnsen
11AM:	† John VanDiver
MON., FEB. 15:	† Geraldine Ferris
TUES., FEB. 16:	† Marion Amescua
WEDS., FEB. 17:	
8AM:	† Bishop Sirba
9:35AM:	† Father Ubald
6:30PM:	† Kenneth Coleman
THURS., FEB. 18:	† Rev. Peter Wittman
FRI., FEB. 19:	† Dennis Wipperling

HELP WANTED

MAINTENANCE SUPPORT STAFF NEEDED

Immediate positions are open for full- and part-time flexible positions on our maintenance team. Duties include sanitizing, general maintenance, cleaning, repairs, event facilitation, and other duties as they arise. Hours will vary but nights and weekend are needed. Motivated individuals should reach out directly to Director of Maintenance Rich Pelletier at rpelletier@stjohns-savage.org or 952-890-9465 x125.

MASS ON YOUR RADIO



St. John's is live on the air! We have acquired a low power FM radio transmitter and will be broadcasting public Masses on 91.9 FM. The broadcast can be clearly heard in the church parking lot, along the front of the church on W. 125th Street, and in the school driveway on Lynn Ave.

We invite you to listen to Mass in your car in the event that the church reaches its COVID-19 capacity of 250 people, or any time you want to be close to Church without entering the building.

READINGS THIS WEEK



Readings for the week of February 7, 2021

SUNDAY:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
MONDAY:	Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56
TUESDAY:	Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13
WEDNESDAY:	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23
THURSDAY:	Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30
FRIDAY:	Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37
SATURDAY:	Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10

Readings for the week of February 14, 2021

SUNDAY:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45
MONDAY:	Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13
TUESDAY:	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21
WEDNESDAY:	Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
THURSDAY:	Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
FRIDAY:	Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
SATURDAY:	Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

IN OUR PRAYERS

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Staci & Nathan Heichert

(Quinn and Paige)

Thuong & My Ngo

BAPTISMS

Pierce Canario Benson

REST IN PEACE

Alvin Donahoo, father of Dianne Youngdahl

HOLY FAMILY FLOWERS

In loving memory of Nancy Hunter

For a donation of \$35, a plant will be placed by the statue of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph for a 2-week period and your intention is placed in the bulletin. Purchase in the parish office.

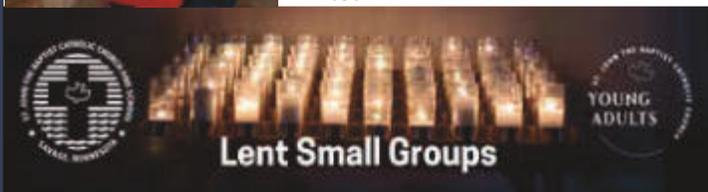


FAITH FORMATION UPDATES



SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:15AM MASS BEGINS FEB. 21

With the steady increase in attendance at weekend Masses, St. John's will be adding a 9:15AM Mass starting on Sunday, February 21 (First Sunday of Lent). *Also beginning that day, Sunday School will move to meet during the 9:15AM Mass (and NOT during the 11AM Mass).* If you would like your 3–5 year old PreK/Kindergartner to join us for Sunday School at the 9:15AM Mass, contact Joan at jwalerius@stjohns-savage.org ASAP, as space is limited.

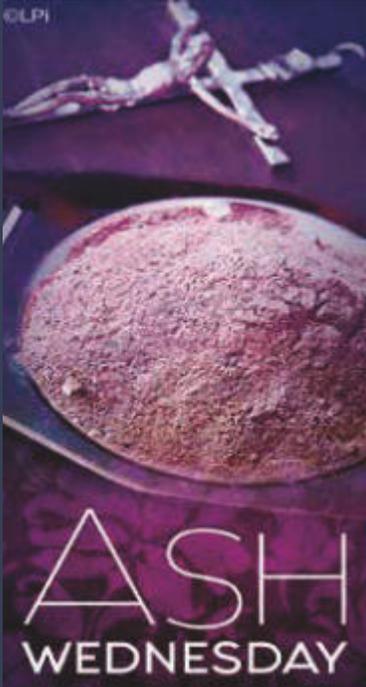


YOUNG ADULT LENT SMALL GROUPS AND STATIONS

Young Adult Ministry will be offering small groups during this Lenten season! Our goal is to offer the opportunity to grow spiritually and grow in community. On five Fridays during Lent, our small groups will meet at 6PM and go to the Stations of the Cross with a Holy Hour together from 7–8PM on the following dates: Feb. 19, Feb. 26, Mar. 5, Mar. 19, Mar. 26. Please fill out this interest form: <https://forms.gle/XaBZZEXG8z7teh257>.

If you would like to help at Stations of the Cross, Deacon Joel is in need of two people each Friday to help carry the crucifix, carry the thurible with the incense, and ring the bells. Signup: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b4eaaa62fa6fe3-stations>.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES



Ash Wednesday is February 17. St. John's is offering the following services:

- 6:15AM Ash Service
- 8AM Mass
- 9:35AM (School Mass; not open to the public; will be available via livestream)
- 12PM Ash Services
- 6:30PM Mass; Drive thru Communion/ashes following Mass

Due to COVID-19 safety guidelines, we will not be imposing ashes on the forehead. Instead we will be employing a method that is popular in Europe of sprinkling of ashes on the top of the head.

REFLECTIONS

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend of February 6/7

“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’” —Mark 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives his time to do all that God the Father wishes—healing the sick and preaching. But before he begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God the Father in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what he wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend of February 13/14

“Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.” —1 Corinthians 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If he's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other “gods” (like our pride, ego, money, and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, “Am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?”

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

Having a romantic Valentine's date doesn't have to cost much. Enjoy the gift of togetherness this Valentine's Day, by utilizing this new Valentine's Day-themed date night kit! Couples will enjoy a homemade pasta recipe you can make together, along with a fun indoor scavenger hunt. Details can be found here: <https://datenight.communio.org/register-for-valentines-date-night-no-header/>.

You can also use the questions below for conversation over dinner and learn a daily prayer you can pray for your spouse. Happy Valentine's Day!

Questions for Couples on St. Valentine's Day

When did I feel most loved by you over the past week? Explain.

Am I willing to let God be part of our marriage? To base our marriage on God's values and vision rather than the worlds' values? Why or why not?

What am I willing to sacrifice or set aside in order to prioritize our marriage becoming more attuned to God's vision and values?

Praying for Your Spouse

One of the simplest, yet practical ways to strengthen our marriage and align it more closely with God's desires is to pray daily for our spouse. Research has identified many benefits to couples. Below is a prayer you can use daily:

Lord God,

I praise you for the gift of my spouse and I thank you for the blessings I have had through him/her.

Forgive me for the times I have failed to love my spouse the way I should and help me to do better in bringing your love and acceptance to him/her. Amen.



LENT IS ALL ABOUT LOVE.

Almsgiving

IS TO LOVE OTHERS

Fasting

IS TO LOVE YOURSELF

Praying

IS TO LOVE GOD

IT'S VERY SIMPLE

**Awaken love at St. John's
Ash Wednesday—Easter**



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Awaken love at St. John's
this Lenten Season

Weekly throughout Lent:

Tuesday Morning 9AM Confessions
Wednesday Evening 7:30PM Confessions
Friday Evening 7PM Stations of the Cross and Adoration
Friday Evening 6PM Young Adult Lent Small Groups
Saturday Mass at 5PM
Sunday Mass at 7:30, 9:15, and 11AM

- Wed., Feb. 17* Ash Wednesday
6:15AM/12PM Ash Services in Church
8AM/6:30PM Mass with ashes (Drive-through Communion/ashes after 6:30PM Mass)
- Fri., Feb. 19* Fish Fry
- Sun., Feb. 21* 1st Sunday of Lent
Rite of Election
Rite of Sending
- Sun., Feb. 28* 2nd Sunday of Lent
- Sun., March 7* 3rd Sunday of Lent
- Fri., March 12* Fish Fry (*Make Up Date is March 19*)
Living Stations Drive-Through Event
- Sun., March 14* 4th Sunday of Lent
- Fri., March 19* Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Archdiocesan 24 Hours for the Lord (12PM Friday, March 19—12PM Saturday, March 20;
Confessions & Adoration at the Cathedral)
- Sun., March 21* 5th Sunday of Lent
Parish Reconciliation Service 2-3:30PM
- Thurs., March 25* The Annunciation of the Lord
8AM Mass
- Sun., March 28* Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
- Thurs., April 1* **Holy Thursday**
8AM Prayer Service (Liturgy of the Hours)
10AM Chrism Mass at the Cathedral
7PM Mass
- Fri., April 2* **Good Friday**
8AM Prayer Service (Liturgy of the Hours)
3PM Passion of Our Lord
7PM Stations of the Cross
- Sat., April 3* **Holy Saturday**
8AM Prayer Service (Liturgy of the Hours)
8:30PM Easter Vigil
- Sun., April 4* **Easter Sunday** of the Resurrection of the Lord
- Sun., Apr 11* Divine Mercy Sunday
2PM Divine Mercy Service

PARISH MISSION



In 1970, the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis resolved to establish a mission in Latin America as a response to the directives of Pope John XXIII. After investigating various areas throughout Central and South America, it was decided that the Archdiocese would help serve the Church in the area of Ciudad Guayana, Venezuela, but later focused on other areas within Venezuela. Since 1998, the archdiocese has been solely focused on pastoral care and ministry to the many barrios of San Felix from the parish of Jesucristo Resucitado.

We can help the mission in Venezuela in two direct ways this Lent: prayers and donations. Please keep the priests in ministry there, the Parish of Jesucristo Resucitado, and the country of Venezuela in your prayers. Donations are needed to directly assist the medical mission of outreach to the local people. Our collections can help support them as their parish center has space to address the medical needs of the people with a medical clinic, dentist office, and medical laboratory.

Here's how you can help this Lent:

- Pick up a collection box at doors 7 or 10 on Ash Wednesday, or use the one you receive from SJB school or Faith Formation.
- Use the collection box to collect your family's monetary donations throughout Lent.
- Place the box somewhere visible in your house to remind you to pray and give.
- Use Lent as a time to abstain from a less-than-healthy habit (maybe foregoing a latte or a fast food meal once a week) and donate that money to the giving project instead.
- Let our small sacrifices benefit others in need this Lent!
- Return your donations (in the box or an envelope marked "Venezuela Mission") on Palm Sunday at church, or give to the parish or school office.
- If you donate by check, make the check out to St. John's and write "Venezuela Mission" in the memo line; or you can write the check directly to the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis with "Venezuela Mission" in the memo line and we will forward it. Cash and coins are welcome too!
- If you fill the box up before Palm Sunday, great! Empty it out, send it in, and keep collecting!

To learn more about the archdiocesan mission in Venezuela, visit www.archspm.org/venezuela. If you have questions about the Parish Lenten Giving Project, email FaithFormation@stjohns-savage.org.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH | ALL IN TOGETHER

community service

"THERE IS NOTHING SMALL IN THE SERVICE OF GOD" Saint Francis de Sales

FEBRUARY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Valentine Blessings for Nursing Homes

Create crafts, artwork to share with nursing home residents. You can create original artwork or search "coloring pages" for some fun designs.

Deadline: Thurs., Feb. 11

Stuffed Animals for Ebenezer Ridges

Donate new or clean, gently used stuffed animals for Ebenezer Ridges Care Center to use as bingo prizes.

Deadline: Sun., Feb. 14

Children's Book Drive

Donate new and gently used children's books for "I Love To Read Month" to support Sharing & Caring Hands, Mission Outpost, and other local ministries.

Deadline: Sun., Feb. 21

**All donations can be dropped off at door 7, 10, or 11.*

On-Your-Own Family Service Ideas

- Build a snowman in a neighbor's yard or at a nursing home
- Bake cookies for someone
- Leave messages of thanks for essential workers, your mail carrier, delivery people, garbage hauler, etc.
- Call or send a video to someone you are missing during COVID
- Shovel a driveway for free

Send us pictures of your service in action! Email FaithFormation@stjohns-savage.org.

OUTDOOR LIVING STATIONS

Friday, March 12, 2021

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This year we will have an outdoor Living Stations drive thru experience, with fish to-go at the end of the route. We need one household per station for this effort. If you are interested, please contact Liz Lockhart at llockhart@stjohns-savage.org



DRIVE-THROUGH FISH FRY



ST. JOHN'S FISH FRY IS BACK!

COME ENJOY OUR DRIVE-THROUGH PICK UP TAKE OUT FISH FRY!

ORDERS NEED TO BE PLACED BY THE SUNDAY PRIOR TO THE FISH FRY USING THE LINK BELOW. DINNERS ARE \$10 EACH AND INCLUDE: 4 OZ. OF FRIED COD, FRENCH FRIES, HOMEMADE COLESLAW, HOMEMADE TARTAR SAUCE, AND BREAD.

FRIDAY FEB. 19

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH



FRIDAY MAR. 12

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT DINNER CANCELED

St. John's annual Marriage Enrichment Dinner, usually held in February, will not take place this year. In the spirit of this event, we encourage all married couples to recommit to investing in and celebrating the sacred relationship with your spouse and with God.

COVID-19 has changed the world around us—but God hasn't changed. Make time to pray and invest in your relationship with him. And make time to invest in your relationship with your spouse. Love is a decision. Just as St. Joseph and his bride, Mary, overcame tremendous adversity, you must look for ways to continually honor the spouse you chose for a lifetime. Does the love you have for each other reflect the love that Christ has for each one of us? What can you do to strengthen and deepen this love?

One way to learn and discover more about your spouse is to utilize the "Beloved" series on FORMED (access FORMED on the parish website under "resources"). You can also search "marriage" in FORMED for more ideas. We hope to see you at next year's Marriage Enrichment Dinner.

Sincerely,
The Marriage Enrichment Planning Team

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPEAKER: DEACON THOM WINNINGER

Thurs., Feb. 11, 7PM

Bloomington Event Center (Formerly Knights of Columbus Hall)
1114 American Boulevard West, Bloomington

Are you looking for a cure or to be healed? Is your goal to beat this thing, or surrender to God's purpose for the rest of your life? Discover your call by applying insights God sends your way. Find your personal path to what it means to encounter the reality of Christ in your daily life! Deacon Winner will share how to recognize divine intent and divine intervention in your life. This presentation is open to members, spouses, and guests. Contact Orville Fillbrandt at Marian Council Knights of Columbus for more information: Orville@Fillbrandt.com or 952-887-1218.

OUTWARD MINISTRY

St. John's Outward Ministry is seeking Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs) to assist in bringing Communion to those who are unable to be at Mass, but desire to receive the Sacrament. EMHCs have a role in sharing the Church's total ministry to the sick after the manner of Jesus. In bringing Communion to the sick and homebound, the EMHC represents Christ and manifests faith and charity on behalf of the whole community toward those who cannot be present at Sunday Mass. This ministry is a sign of support and concern shown by the community for its members.

If you are interested, please contact Beth Prendi bprendi@stjohns-savage.org. Training is provided.



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