

# 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: 7:30, 9 & 11AM  
LIVESTREAM MASS: Sat 5PM

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Tuesday: 4:30-5:15PM  
Friday: 7-7:45AM  
Saturday: 9-10AM

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Mon/Tues/Fri/Sat: 9AM-5PM  
Wednesday: 9AM-8PM  
Thursday: 11AM-5PM  
Sunday: 12-5PM

## CONTACT US:

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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Friday: 8:30AM-1PM

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Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick  
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CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND  
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*October 2021*

# RESPECT LIFE MONTH

*St. Joseph,  
defender of life,  
pray for us!*



[respectlife.org/celebrate](http://respectlife.org/celebrate)

OCTOBER 3, 2021 | RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

## A NOTE FROM FATHER LITTLE



### MARATHON OF SERVICE

It comes upon us quickly—no sooner has the school year begun than we enter into the season of Marathon. We kicked off the Marathon recently in our school, and the rumors are true: our principal and I were seen dancing on the live video broadcast to the classrooms. I made every attempt to not overwhelm people with my talents at dancing, which are considerable. In fact, I think I was so successful at concealing my skill at dancing, that everyone watching probably thinks I have no moves at all. Regardless, I'm excited that our strong Marathon tradition is off and running and will continue to incorporate a spirituality of service and love of neighbor. Marathon this year (School Marathon on Fri., Oct. 15 and Parish Marathon on Sat., Oct. 16) will also include Mass and fellowship, which is in keeping with our SJB commitment to always include the primacy of Mass in all the activities we do, along with keeping Christ at the center and promoting family life. These are the three "load-bearing walls" of the house we want to build at SJB: Keeping Christ at the center (1), the Mass is primary (2,) and family life (of all kinds) is to be promoted (3). These are the marks that must attend to everything we do. As we continue through this cherished tradition which is one of the most important ways we fund the ministry of our school, let's be "All In" with Christ, at the altar, and with each other, for the good of others!

### RESPECT LIFE

October is Respect Life Month, and our preaching this weekend reflects this important time in our Church in the United States. Our bishops set aside this month every year to have us reflect upon the great gift of human life, made in God's image and likeness. In recent days, certain of our political leaders in the United States have continued to violate this truth in a proposed law that passed the U.S. House of Representatives, and which (thankfully) will not pass in the Senate. These leaders, who often champion the needs of the vulnerable in other ways, seem to be stuck in the error which Pope Francis has colorfully and insightfully termed the "throwaway culture" with respect to life; human life can be destroyed at our whim for any reason and with the full protection of the law, particularly through the sin of abortion. With this error and sin embedded in their public actions as legislators, all the other good they seek to do is rendered meaningless and hollow. We must pray for them, and sincerely ask ourselves whether they really do deserve our vote.

Also in recent days, the same Pope Francis has, with great clarity, called abortion for what it is: murder. He did this on a return flight from his recent visit to Slovakia. I am grateful that we have such a leader of our Church: one who speaks with moral clarity but also is able to remind us that Jesus' mercy is abundant for those who have been harmed by abortion. This is the message that we want to reflect at SJB.

Please take a look at the materials that will be shared in the bulletins and eNews throughout this month and continue to pray for a steadfast defense of God's gift of life. When we do this, we uphold the truth, both moral and scientific!

## A NOTE FROM FATHER LITTLE (CONT.)

### RECONCILIATION

I am very pleased that our new times for the sacrament of reconciliation have been fruitful so far. Our existing Saturday morning confessions have remained well-attended, and now are served by two priests (thank you, Fr. Matthew!) and so the waiting times have been reduced! I was not expecting such a great response, but the Tuesday afternoon and Friday morning confessions seem to be an option for a number of people, and I'm glad we can offer Jesus' mercy in this way. If you have been waiting to go to confession, know that you will see others who are seeking the forgiveness of Christ and you will meet a priest who is anxious to share that gift with you!

Faithfully,  
Fr. Benjamin Little

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

### October 3, 2021 • 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name." —Genesis 2:19*

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

### October 10, 2021 • 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." —Mark 10:25*

Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. But, we are all called to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts, and especially the one that means the most to us! That includes our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries, and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charities.

# POSSIBLE



"All things are  
possible for God."

MARK 10:27

## FAITH FORMATION



### **FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS BEGIN THIS MONTH!**

Family Faith Formation, CGS (Catechesis of the Good Shepherd), MS Encounter, Confirmation, and HS Youth Group gatherings all begin in October!

Wednesday evening Family Faith Formation/CGS/MS Encounter/HS Youth Group all begin on Wed., Oct. 6, with a family meal (optional; freewill offering) in the school auditorium (door 1); drop in anytime between 5:15–6PM. At 6PM we'll open the evening in the auditorium with a prayer and an overview of the night's topic and dismiss to let parents drop off their children to their gathering spots before parents gather in the church with Fr. Little and Liz to learn and share. We'll dismiss at 7:30PM when parents then pick up their children and continue the faith sharing at home.

Confirmation small groups begin on Wed., Oct. 13, 6–7:30PM. Registered youth who will begin the process for preparing to be confirmed should enter door 1 to find your small group.

If your family hasn't registered for Faith Formation gatherings yet, reach out to the Faith Formation office at [faithformation@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:faithformation@stjohns-savage.org) or 952-890-9434 to learn more.

### **FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST COMMUNION PARENT GATHERING: WED., OCT. 13, 6:30–8PM**

Parents of children who will prepare to receive the sacraments of first reconciliation and First Communion this year are invited to gather together on Wed., Oct. 13 from 6:30–8PM in the church to learn more about what to expect this year. We'll go over calendars, pass out the materials to be used at home, and explain what you need to know about how St. John's partners with you during this important year in the life of faith of your child. Enter door 7, pick up your child's designated folder of materials, and come into the church. Masks are optional. Please mark your calendars and plan to be present. If you have questions or still need to register your child for sacrament preparation, please reach out to [faithformation@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:faithformation@stjohns-savage.org).

### **PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES**

Please keep our 2020–21 confirmation candidates in your prayers as they spend Oct. 9 or 10 in retreat, deepening their relationship with Christ in preparation to receive their sacrament on Nov. 7.

## COMMUNITY CANDLES FOR ALL FAMILIES

To continue the invitation to gather and build unity at St. John's, all parish families are invited to pick up a candle to decorate at home and then return to the parish as part of the display of CommUnity for our parish and school. Decorate the glass candle holder using sharpies, stickers, or paint pens with signs and symbols of your family, your faith, and your love for each other and St. John's. Then return the decorated candle to the atrium for the CommUnity candle display that will be built there. The candles will also be used at a display near the baptismal font on All Souls Day (Mass on Tues., Nov. 2, 5:30PM) as a visible sign of support from our parish families to our fellow families who have lost a loved one this past year. Candles are available now for pick up (one per family) at the parish office, the school office, and at parish events such as the Parish Marathon of Service Day on Oct. 16.

## CANA EXPERIENCE



The Cana Experience is designed for mothers of young children, helping them fulfill their calling to marriage and parenthood in all its fullness. Come and see what it's all about at our information open house! For more information, visit [canafamilyinstitute.com](http://canafamilyinstitute.com) /find or contact Ryian Hilpisch at [rhilpisch@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:rhilpisch@stjohns-savage.org).

## CGS CATECHIST TRAINING

Are you interested in becoming a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) lead catechist? Mary, Mother of the Church in Burnsville will be offering level I, part I training beginning the weekend of October 29–31: Fri. 6–9PM, Sat. 9–4PM, and Sun. 1–4PM. Training continues the weekends of Jan. 21–23 and Apr. 22–24. You can also visit the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd website at [cgsusa.org](http://cgsusa.org) to view additional training dates and locations. Questions? Contact [carol\\_dittberner@netzero.com](mailto:carol_dittberner@netzero.com).

## SAVE THE DECEMBER DATE

### **CHILDREN'S GIVING SPREE: SAT., DEC. 4**

Save the date for this annual Christmas tradition, where children shop without adults to find special gifts for their loved ones. Children experience the joy of giving when the presents



they chose are opened and treasured. Joined this year by the Stations of the Crib, this event is a wonderful way to usher in the season. *Volunteers—especially teens—are much needed!* More info coming soon, but if you are interested in helping beforehand or the day of, contact Julie Kelly at [jkelly@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:jkelly@stjohns-savage.org).

## MASS INTENTIONS



SAT., OCT. 2:	† Eusibius Santos
SUN., OCT. 3:	
7:30AM:	† Walter Kennelly
9AM:	For Our Parishioners
11AM:	† Maria Mathies
MON., OCT. 4:	† Douglas Filipek
TUES., OCT. 5:	† Bob Jones
WEDS., OCT. 6:	† Gerard Gall
THURS., OCT. 7:	† Richard Humphry
FRI., OCT. 8:	† Monica Hill
SAT., OCT. 9:	† Lillian Mathews
SUN., OCT. 10:	
7:30AM:	† Butch Langreck
9AM:	For Our Parishioners
11AM:	†† Jean and Pat Mann
MON., OCT. 11:	† Sylvester Bueltel
TUES., OCT. 12:	† Gerry Ferris
WEDS., OCT. 13:	† Mary Fryberg
THURS., OCT. 14:	†† Orville Brenner and Ron Pozarski
FRI., OCT. 15:	† June Groeloner

## HOLY FAMILY FLOWERS

*In loving memory of Bob Jones  
from his family*



Flowers are displayed for two weeks at the statue of the Holy Family in the church. If you wish to dedicate a blooming plant, please contact the parish office.

## READINGS THIS WEEK



### Readings for the week of October 3, 2021

<b>SUNDAY:</b>	Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12
<b>MONDAY:</b>	Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28

### Readings for the week of October 10, 2021

<b>SUNDAY:</b>	Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27
<b>MONDAY:</b>	Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Lk 11:29-32
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]/Lk 11:42-46
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]/Lk 11:47-54
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]/Lk 12:1-7
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8]/Lk 12:8-12

## IN OUR PRAYERS

### BAPTISMS

*Mabel Elizabeth Adrian  
Sophia Grace White  
Maggie Marie Carr Wilkus*

### REST IN PEACE

*Robert Burton  
Basil Pius, father of Shuman Pius  
James Ryan  
Chad Walczak*

### NEW PARISHIONERS

*Monica Lewandowski and Annelise Churchill*

Families are invited to come together to pray in adoration on the second Tuesday of each month (beginning October 12) after the 5:30PM Mass. Stay as little or as long as you'd like, from 6:30–8PM. This is a wonderful opportunity to model and share the love of prayer time with Jesus!



# Family Adoration

Second Tuesday of the month  
at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
after 5:30PM Mass from 6:30-8PM

## GROWING THROUGH LOSS SERIES

The Growing Through Loss fall series continues on Tues., Oct. 5 with "Grieving Shattered Dreams/Finding New Dreams" by Ted Bowman. The series concludes on Oct. 12 with a Service of Remembrance with Rev. Karen Treat.

Sessions are held from 6:30–9PM at Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church in Prior Lake. Preregistration not required. Suggested donation is \$4.00. Masks are recommended.

Visit [growingthroughlosstcsouth.com](http://growingthroughlosstcsouth.com) to learn more; contact Barb Korman at 651-452-8261 or email [growingthroughloss@gmail.com](mailto:growingthroughloss@gmail.com) with any questions.

## APPLE GIVING TREE: THANK YOU!



Thanks to everyone who contributed to our fall giving project (Apple Giving Tree)! Because of your generosity, we were able to give 31 students gift cards for school supplies, and several students received backpacks with supplies as well. Additional donations restocked our supplies kept for St. John's students in need, and others were shared with the Burnsville-Eagan-Savage school district. What a great start to the school year!

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

St. John's has prayer shawls available to anyone who may be suffering in mind, body or spirit. When you wrap a prayerfully knitted or crocheted shawl around someone, you are literally covering them in prayer. You can pick up a prayer shawl during regular parish office hours or contact Beth Prendi at 952-890-9465 ext. 114 or [bprendi@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:bprendi@stjohns-savage.org) for more info.

## HOMEBOUND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Do you have a passion for bringing Jesus to others? We are looking for people to bring communion to those who are unable to attend Mass. No experience needed and training is provided. Contact Beth Prendi at 952-890-9465 ext. 114 or [bprendi@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:bprendi@stjohns-savage.org) for more information.



## SCHOOL KITCHEN HELP NEEDED



St. John's School is in urgent need of kitchen help to serve hot lunches to our students. Help is needed from 9AM–2PM, but hours can be flexible. Please contact our new Lunchroom Director Mike Vawracz at [mvawracz@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:mvawracz@stjohns-savage.org) for more information.

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



### THIS SUN., OCT. 3, AFTER 11AM MASS

Bring your furry, feathered, or scaly friends for a special blessing on Sunday, Oct. 3 after the 11AM Mass! The Blessing of the Animals is an annual tradition in honor of the Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi (Oct. 4). Please have pets on leashes or in carriers, and meet in the parking lot after the cars have cleared.

## LOSS OF SPOUSE LUNCHEON



Have you lost a spouse and wish to share fellowship with others in a similar situation? Join us at Rascal's in Apple Valley on Wed., Oct. 13, at noon. Please RSVP to Kathy at [kathywelle@aol.com](mailto:kathywelle@aol.com) or 952-237-2473 or Dianne at 763-300-3174.

## COMMUNITYFEST FEEDBACK

Did you attend our CommUnityfest in September? We'd appreciate your feedback so we can make this fantastic weekend even better! Please visit [bit.ly/CommUnityfest-feedback](http://bit.ly/CommUnityfest-feedback) to share your thoughts.

## SYNOD

# SYNOD 2021



## ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL & MINNEAPOLIS

### ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD SMALL GROUPS HAVE BEGUN!

Were you able to make it to a Synod small group? We sure hope so! If not, you are missing out on an amazing opportunity to learn more about the Church's teachings, to share faith stories in small groups, to get to know other St. John's community members, AND to take advantage of the rare opportunity to give valuable feedback to the archbishop on how to consider moving the Church forward in the coming years. Don't miss another week! It's easy, just show up and we'll help you get started; plus, there's no homework or prep work involved. Attend one of these small group sessions currently meeting in the atrium:

- Mondays 7–9PM
- Tuesdays 9:30–11:30AM or 6:30–8:30PM
- Thursdays 6:30–8:30PM
- Fridays 9:15–11:15AM

See more at [archspm.org/synod](http://archspm.org/synod). Questions? Contact Liz Lockhart at [llockhart@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:llockhart@stjohns-savage.org).

## ST. JOSEPH PRAYER CARD

Be sure to pick up a St. Joseph prayer card this weekend, available at all church exits. This beautiful prayer card will aid you in daily prayer throughout October as we observe Respect Life Month.



St. Joseph, defender of life,  
*pray for us!*

### ***A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life***

Dearest St. Joseph,  
at the word of an angel,  
you lovingly took Mary into your home.  
As God's humble servant, you guided  
the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,  
welcomed Jesus as your own son  
in the shelter of a manger,  
and fled far from your homeland  
for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector,  
you never hesitated to sacrifice  
for those entrusted to you.  
May your example inspire us also  
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard  
God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves  
to the service and defense of human life  
—especially where it is  
vulnerable or threatened.  
Obtain for us the grace  
to do the will of God in all things.  
Amen.

## BABY ITEMS NEEDED



### ***DONATE BABY ITEMS OCT. 1–31***

The Respect Life Ministry will be collecting diapers, wipes, formula, new or gently used baby clothing, and other small baby items during the month of October. A crib will be in the atrium all month for donations, which will go to Alpha Women's Center, Pregnancy Choices, and Sharing and Caring Hands.

## ADOPTION ASSISTANCE

Through the generosity of parishioners who have walked the path of adoption, St. John's is able to offer financial assistance to help offset adoption costs. For more information, contact Beth Prendi at [bprendi@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:bprendi@stjohns-savage.org) or 952-890-9465 ext 114.

## MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

### ***NATIONAL PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS***

#### ***MASS OF REMEMBRANCE: TUES., OCT. 12, 5:30PM***

The Healing Hearts Ministry invites you to honor babies lost to miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death, along with the babies you long for through infertility, with a special Mass of Remembrance.

Join us at 5:30PM for Mass in the church or via livestream as we recognize and celebrate the souls who have left imprints on our hearts.

The Healing Hearts Ministry is available to surround mothers and hopeful mothers with encouragement, understanding and prayer. If you, a friend or family member would like support, please contact Wendy Turner at [wmturner58@gmail.com](mailto:wmturner58@gmail.com) or 612-803-4355.



# St. Joseph

Faithful Protector of Mother and Child

The infant Christ “came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph” (PC 5). The humble and often hidden carpenter of Nazareth accompanied Mary in her pregnancy, assisted at the birth of the Messiah in a stable, presented Jesus in the Temple, fled with his family far from their homeland to protect them, and lovingly raised Jesus as his own son in the years to come.

While the angel of the Lord appeared to Mary to announce that she would bring forth the Savior of the world, it was revealed to Joseph in a series of dreams how God’s plans would be brought to fulfillment. As Pope Francis highlights, “God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found in him someone who would not only save her life, but would always provide for her and her child” (PC 5).

Dear St. Joseph,  
help us to  
imitate your  
faithful trust and  
courage.

Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, “in every situation, Joseph declared his own ‘fiat’” (PC 3). His “yes” to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph’s devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us.

During this Year of St. Joseph, each of us can find in him “an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble” (PC, Intro). Joseph shows us how to say “yes” to life, despite our own fears, frailties, and weaknesses. For it is Joseph who was “chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true ‘miracle’ by which God saves the child and his mother” (PC 5).

May we, too, be miracles in the lives of those who are most in need, especially at the beginning and end of life. Dear St. Joseph, you who were “able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting always in divine providence” (PC 5), help us to imitate your faithful trust and courage.

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# PARISH MARATHON OF SERVICE

*Share His Love*

## SAT., OCT. 16—8AM-4PM

8AM-12PM at SJB; 2-4PM at PES CONVENT

### SERVICE SCHEDULE:

8AM: Daily Mass with Father Ben  
8:30AM: Light Breakfast Fellowship  
9AM: Invitation & Blessing  
9:15–11:15AM: Service Projects  
11:15AM: Rosary Service  
2-4PM: Service at PES Convent

### SERVICE PROJECTS;

Adoration Station  
Fall Care Packages  
Expecting Parent Gift Bags to:  
Pregnancy Choices &  
Alpha Women's Center  
Operation Christmas Child

## DONATIONS NEEDED:

Travel size hand lotion	Hair combs	Coloring Books
Travel size hand sanitizer	Hairbrushes	Journals
Lip balm	Toothbrush	Colored pencils
Fuzzy socks	Bandages	Stickers
\$5 gift cards to coffee shops	Small dolls	Dum-dum Suckers
\$5 gift cards to Subway	Small toys	Tic-Tac Mints
\$5 gift cards to Target	Squish Balls	Quaker Chewy granola bars
Small packs of tissues	Small fidgets	Trident gum
Small packs of wipes	Small craft items	Bic lightweight pens
Small bath soaps	School supplies (crayons)	Bic mechanical pencils
Small personal hygiene items	Small puzzles	Post-it Notes
Small candles	Packs of cards	Highlighters
Livesaver Mints or Candy	Yo-Yo/Jump Rope	Bluelight glasses

**DROP DONATIONS BY OCT. 15 IN BOXES AT DOOR 7, 10, OR 11**

## PARISH MARATHON OF SERVICE

You, your family, and your friends are invited to join us in our first Parish Marathon of Service on Sat., Oct. 16 from 8AM–12PM! The Parish Marathon of Service was designed to coincide with the 30th annual School Marathon for Non-Public Education.

It is our hope that as a school and parish, we can touch and pray for as many lives as possible over these two days of hands-on serving. Together with the school, we will be serving over 12 unique organizations through our work and commitment to serve our greater community.

Please consider joining us in person on October 16 to serve side-by-side. We'd also ask that you consider donating any of the items listed on the opposite page that will be used to support our projects (in addition to the school list below). Donations will be collected in boxes at doors 7, 10, and 11.

In addition to our on-campus morning of work, there is an additional off-campus opportunity to serve the Sisters of Pro Ecclesia Sancta at their convent on the afternoon of Oct. 16 from 2–4PM.

No preregistration or signup is required. If you're unable to join us, you can visit <https://stjbsavage.breezechms.com/form/parishmarathon> to submit a monetary donation, or request a fall care package for a young adult (in college, military, trade school, etc.). Thank you for your generosity!

## SCHOOL MARATHON

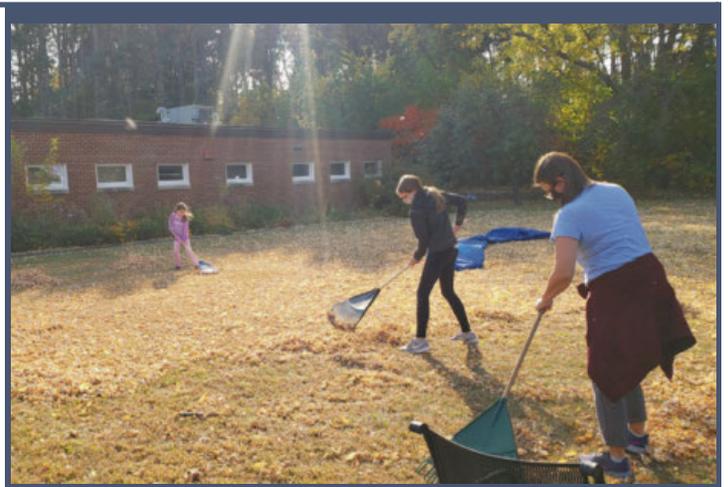
St. John's School Marathon for Non-Public Education and our "Marathon Day of Service" will be held on Fri., Oct 15, where students will participate in service projects to give back to our community. The Marathon is the school's biggest student-led fundraiser, and all of the money raised goes directly toward the school's operating budget. The Marathon raises money to help close the gap between tuition and the actual cost of educating a child at St. John the Baptist School, as well as foster awareness of the contributions of non-public schools in our community.

If you would like to support St. John's school with a monetary donation, checks can be dropped off at the parish or school offices; you can donate online at [2021marathon.givesmart.com](https://2021marathon.givesmart.com); or you can text 2021Marathon to 76278. Donations are tax deductible and receipts are available at checkout or contact the school to get a copy.

Students in each grade are also collecting items for several service projects, which can be dropped off at door 7, 10, or 11. Items needed are:

- Non-perishable food items for BrainPower in a Backpack (fruit cups, microwavable meals, snack bars, etc.)
- Items for our fire/police/frontline worker blessing bags (lip balm, small tissue packs, small hand sanitizer, granola bars, candy, other small useful items)
- New or gently used blankets and towels for Bridging
- New or gently used toys and books for Toy Corner and Book Buggie

We also welcome your prayers for our students, teachers, and staff! Thank you for helping our school continue to "SHARE HIS LOVE" by supporting our fundraising efforts!





ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST MUSIC MINISTRY  
INVITES YOU TO JOIN THE

# YOUTH CHOIR

Open to children in grades 2-6.

Youth in grades 7-8 are invited to join the  
Youth Choir as leaders.

**REHEARSALS: THURSDAYS 5:45-6:45PM  
BEGINNING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14**

The Youth Choir will sing at the 9AM Mass approx once every 6 weeks.

For more information and/or to register, email Brenda Sevcik,  
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