



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH

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MAY 23, 2021

{PENTECOST SUNDAY}

To know, love, serve and share Christ through worship, teaching, stewardship and witness.

Ministry Appreciation

I am sure everyone is tired of hearing about what a year it has been--unprecedented times, etcetera, etcetera. So please forgive me for saying it, but, *man, what a year it has been!* As we celebrate this beautiful Feast of Pentecost and welcome the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the Earth, I don't know about you, but I, for one, have some pretty serious expectations for my own much-needed renewal.

In addition to Pentecost, we are celebrating Ministry Appreciation during this month of May. This is a time for us to say THANK YOU to all of those who have labored in love and service to our parish over the past year. **We are especially grateful to all those who took on new ministries this past year**, as the global pandemic brought about new needs we had never before considered---voicing Mass responses for the livestream, sanitizing the church before and after Masses, setting up for outdoor Mass, offering virtual Faith Formation classes, leading Zoom Bible studies, and so much more. And all of these "new" ministries on top of all the regular ministries needed to keep the parish running—lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, altar servers, ushers, cantors, musicians, greeters, weekly collection counters, sacristans, lawn mowers, gardeners, fish fryers, gala planners, catechists, funeral luncheon volunteers, BeFriends, school recess volunteers, dish washers, liturgical linens launderers, Eucharistic adorers, and so, so, so much more!

Truly, the number of volunteer ministers that it takes to keep a parish as active as St. John's running is astounding. And as with so many volunteer-based organizations, it is often the work of few that provides opportunities to many. This has been even more true this past year, as many of our regular ministers had to take a brief hiatus from service due to the Covid-19 restrictions in place in our Archdiocese. However, as the world continues to reopen and return to "normal" in many ways, **it is my sincere hope that we will see not only a return to active ministry for many, but moreover, a RENEWAL of our ministries** as we invite those who have perhaps not had the opportunity to serve in the past to step forward to serve our parish and fellow parishioners in this way.

Trust me when I say that there is truly a ministry for EVERYONE. There are many gifts, but one Spirit. **No matter your talent, there is a way for you to share it here at St. John's.** Please take some time this week to review the list of Ministry Opportunities here at St. John's and pray that the Holy Spirit may show you how you are called to serve this parish community in the year to come. **Your gifts are needed!**

God Bless You,
Andrea McMerty-Brummer
Parish Administrator

Ministry Opportunities:

- Adoration
- Altar Server
- AV Technician
- BeFriends
- Bible Study Small Group Leader
- Campus Handyman
- Campus Yard Upkeep
- Candle Rack Minister
- Cemetery Upkeep
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Church Cleaning (Altar & Rosary Society)
- Church Space Ministers (After-Mass tidying)
- Event Ministers
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- Faith Formation Catechists/Assts
- Funeral Luncheon Ministry
- Gardeners
- Greeters
- Hospitality Ministers
- Hospitality Laundry
- Knights of Columbus
- Lectors
- Librarians
- Liturgical Environment Ministers
- Meals on Wheels
- Music Ministry
- Welcome Desk clerical help
- Prayer Chain
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Respect Life
- Sacristan
- Sacristy Laundry
- School Volunteers
- Snow Clearing
- Ushers

Make a Joyful Noise

To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.
[Second Reading, from 1 Corinthians 12]

Yes, **YOU!** The Holy Spirit is present in **you** in a way unlike anyone else. No one can manifest the Spirit the way **you** can. **You** are called to bring the life of the Spirit forth into the world. And if **you** don't, no one else will. Because **you** are a unique, unrepeatable creation, created for a reason. No one else can make the Spirit live through you. But hopefully I can encourage you to do just that this Pentecost Sunday!

I know, I know. You're too busy. You already served your time. Somehow the Spirit skipped you. Okay, that last one obviously isn't true. But maybe you don't know where you fit! And as for busyness? Yes. Our lives get busy. But amid the unavoidable busyness, shouldn't we prioritize being busy for the Lord? I think so! Besides, this isn't about being "busy," it's about living as we are called, being who we have been created to be. **Allowing the Spirit to be the boss of our lives rather than giving ourselves over to the world**, surrendering only the remaining shrapnel to the Lord.

Summer is hot on our heels, and I'm challenging you to let the Spirit live in you this summer. This will look different for everyone, as we are each given a unique, "*individual manifestation*" of the Spirit. But **no matter who you are, you have been given gifts, and those gifts are meant to be used.** And no matter what those gifts are, they have a place at St. John the Baptist!

On page one is a list of our ministries, each a unique channel through which your Spirit-given gifts can flourish. **Where do you see yourself?** Truly take time to pray about it, then turn your prayer into action. I hope to be flooded with interest forms and emails in the coming week!

Of course, this article wouldn't be complete without thanking those who have so faithfully given of themselves this past year, especially given the circumstances of the world. I hope you know how incredibly appreciated you are here at St. John's!

Exultemus Domino,
Kari Hoeft ~ Director of Music, Liturgy and Youth Ministry

Knights of Columbus

We are having a half hour initiation for men wishing to join and support one or more parish activities during the year. Membership brings the awesome benefit of fellowship for both the men and their families. Our 30 minute initiation is Sunday, June 6th in the church, immediately following the 10am Mass. If you can let us know ahead of time that you are coming, it would be great. We are having snacks available both before and after the initiation. You should be able to head for lunch before noon.

Bring your family members to observe and learn what it means to be a Knight. Knights t-shirts, rosaries, and other items will be presented during the initiation. Our dues are awesome, only \$25 a year. This includes a subscription to the Columbian magazine. No dues your first year. Thanks for considering joining our parish men's group! Please contact Tom Davis to let us know you're coming (612)242-9569; thomaspdavis50@yahoo.com

~ Deacon Gary, Grand Knight

Banns of Marriage

Please pray for these couples as they prepare to receive the wonderful Sacrament of Marriage!

May 28: Teresa Gorecki and Danny Masica



June 5: Hannah Daly and Austin Mack



Thank You!

Thank you to Jack Jasper and Mary Stumpfl for another beautiful addition to our sanctuary! What beautiful book stands!



Community Needs

THANK YOU for your continued support of ICA Foodshelf and SouthWest Options for Women! Please continue to place your donations in the bins labeled ICA and SWOW outside the Gathering Place entrance. Please continue to give generously!

Faith Direct

During the past year, we have made an extra effort to encourage parishioners to support our parish offertory and second collections through *Faith Direct*. With *Faith Direct*, you can make regular automatic contributions to St. John the Baptist using your credit/debit card or bank account, the same process that you may use to pay utility bills or make car payments.

Making your donations automatically means relief from the hassle of locating your offertory envelopes as you run out the door on Sunday morning, and guarantees that the church will receive your gifts even if you are unable to attend Mass.

There is no fee to you, the parishioner, associated with use of the *Faith Direct* program. Automatic contributions greatly benefit St. John the Baptist by providing a predictable cash flow as well as decreasing the time and money the church expends dealing with the envelope system. *Faith Direct* will provide you with personalized offertory cards that you may place in the basket, and a year-end tax statement.

We find *Faith Direct* a “win-win” for both parishioners and our parish. Please enroll in this program by picking up an enrollment form from the church office, or by visiting faith.direct/MN855 to enroll securely on line.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any additional information.

God Bless,
Fr. Carlson

Enkrateia House of Hope (EHOH)

“Enkrateria” is Greek, meaning temperance; self-control or self-mastery through exercise of the will.

A home will be opened soon in the SW Twin Cities area for homeless pregnant women. Its mission is to

- Provide a secure, safe, faith-centered home for homeless pregnant women to carry their baby to term.
- Provide women with resources to address the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs to be able to make a decision for the future of themselves and their baby.

The Holy Spirit has moved the reality of this home in record speed!

Prayer, funds and volunteers are needed to enable us to fulfill this mission. Please pray for EHOH and the women who will be served! Please pray earnestly that enough funds will be raised soon. You may also help by passing on this opportunity to family and friends. I pray this will be on the list of charities that you support!

Check the website for both more comprehensive information and contact information. You may also call me with questions you may have.

Thank you and God bless you,
Marilyn Olson (Board of Directors)
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Weekly Prayer

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 23, 2020

Sunday Pentecost: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1,24,29-31,34/1Cor 12:3b-7,12-13/Jn 15:26-27;16:12-15

Monday: Gn 3:9-15,20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-3,5-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-8,14,23/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sir 36:1,4-5a,10-17/Ps 79:8,9,11,13/Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-9/Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1,9-13/Ps 149:1-6,9/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8-9,19,11/Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34,39-40/Ps 33:4-6,9,18-20,22/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20



Upcoming Feast of Corpus Christi

On Thursday June 3rd the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Rosary Procession from St. John's Church in Excelsior to St. Therese Church in Deephaven by way of the Minnetonka Loop Trail. We will end the procession with Benediction (Eucharistic Adoration with prayers).

We will be hosting optional information sessions on Thursday, May 27th at 7:00pm at St. Therese Church, where we will also be praying for God's mercy in front of the Blessed Sacrament in reparation for the ongoing wound of abortion which afflicts our nation. We will also be praying for personal intentions made by the men of the parish.

**The Archdiocese celebrates the Feast of Corpus Christi on Sunday June 6th, it is traditionally celebrated on Thursday following Trinity Sunday, which is June 3rd.*

Memorial Day Mass

We will offer Mass on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31st at 9am outside at Resurrection Cemetery. Keep an eye on weather changes that may require us to move Mass inside the church.

The church and school offices will be closed on Memorial Day.

Mass Intentions

Sat.	May 22	8:00am 5:00pm	† Jeanne Pyzdrowski Ronny Totty
Sun.	May 23	8:00am 10:00am	Fr. Andy McAlpin For the Parish
Mon.	May 24		No Mass
Tue.	May 25	5:30pm	† † Jacob & Rita Colnar
Wed.	May 26	8:00am	† Robert Peterson
Thurs	May 27	8:00am	Teresa Gorecki & Danny Masica
Fri.	May 28	9:00am	Lucy & Joel Smith
Sat.	May 29	8:00am 5:00pm	Nuala Rosensteel For the Parish
Sun.	May 30	8:00am 10:00am	Deacon Joseph Nguyen † Steve Olson

Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

We invite you to keep in your daily prayers the sick and confined of our parish who seek God's joy in their infirmity, in particular:

- Elvera Hoops
- Mary Rosati
- Viviana Wright
- Margaret Davis
- Joe Garaghty
- Kon Wurm
- Ruth Colnar
- David Streeter
- Roger "Pete" Hansen
- Tom Bartholomew
- Mike Salzer
- Joyce Koch
- Art Rosenberg

St. John the Baptist Catholic Montessori School



Guided by our Roman Catholic faith, St. John the Baptist Catholic Montessori School prepares students to live our the Gospel message, achieve academic excellence, and joyfully lead by faith, virtue and reason.

Tickets On Sale Now!

We will be selling tickets after all the Masses THIS WEEKEND, May 22nd and 23rd as well as the weekend of June 5th and 6th. Make sure to stop by the Gala table to get your tickets to attend this festive and fun Church & School Gala!

How to be involved:

1. **Register to attend!** Tickets are \$50 per person for a fun night to kick up your heels, enjoy a great meal and participate in the community of St. John's.
2. **Become a sponsor!** Did you know that we have a \$20,000 matching challenge?! Any NEW or INCREASED sponsorships will be matched! Please prayerfully consider helping us unlock this match!
3. **Donate to the silent or live auction!** Our auctions are always a fun highlight of the night!
4. **Donate toward our fund-a-need!** Our goal is to raise \$20,000 for Liturgical Vessels and Adoration Chapel Items including Chalice, Monstrance, Easter & Funeral Vestments and Security for the Chapel.
5. **Volunteer!** We need LOTS of help moving tables and chairs, decorating, bartending, serving and tearing down.
<https://tinyurl.com/gala2021volunteer>



To register, donate or sponsor, please go to: <https://sjexcels.ejoinme.org/westernroundup2021>

Photos of the Week

SJB elementary students enjoyed a field trip to Baker Park Reserve this past week. They paddled on the canoes and studied pond life!



Summer Opportunities!

Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School (ages 4-11) will be **June 21-25 from 8:45 am - 12:00 pm** with a family fun night on **Thursday, June 24th from 5:00-6:00pm** with live music by the Teddy Bear Band. All activities will be outdoors and children will remain with the same group of children all week.

Our theme goes along with the St. John's upcoming Western Roundup as we are going on a *Rocky Railway* adventure! Gear up for a fun week. Each lesson is paired with a Bible verse, virtue of the day, and Saint of the day!

Cost is just \$50/child, up to a maximum of \$125/family. Scholarships are available. Register online at: <https://permission.click/6q8GA/us>

Volunteer Opportunities

We are looking for some teen volunteers to help with Vacation Bible School! For those in Confirmation Year 1 & 2 next year, this will help fill your volunteer hours requirement! To sign up, please email Sarah Reid at sreid@stjohns-excelsior.org

Family Fun Night



You and your family are invited to our **FREE Family Fun Night** pre-gala event that will be on the back lawn and playground on **Thursday, June 24th from 5:00-6:00pm**.

There will be a free hot dog meal, the Teddy Bear Band will play, AND we will have games! Please bring your own picnic blanket and/or lawn chairs.

Please RSVP for this **FREE Family Fun Night** here so we know how many meals to prepare <https://tinyurl.com/familyfun24th>

Extreme Faith Camp

Extreme Faith Camp is the best week of the summer for middle school students (high schoolers can sign up to help)! Save the date for **July 25-30!** Email khoeft@stjohns-excelsior.org if you want to register (spots limited).

Bonfires

Check the monthly calendar for bonfire dates throughout the summer!

Exultemus

All are invited to join us for an evening of adoration, praise and worship, and a brief reflection on Saturday, June 12th at 7 pm at St. John's. Families, youth and adults are all welcome to participate! Confessions available.



Live the Liturgy

The phrase "being filled with the Holy Spirit" may summon forth images that are a bit too intense for some folks. They may conclude that when one is filled with the Holy Spirit that they immediately begin speaking in tongues, loudly praise God, sing alleluia from roof tops, and do other demonstrative things. In reality, being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It is the Holy Spirit that draws us together as a community of faith, inspires us with wisdom and right judgment, and turns us from the darkness of sin to the virtues that bring life. We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. The Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church, guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced human beings God made us to be. Come, Holy Spirit, and fill our hearts!

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Stewardship Update

*We have significantly lowered our Offertory Budget for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year. As such, our Over/(Under) may seem artificially positive, as actuals are compared to a significantly reduced budget number from the prior year. For this reason, we have additionally included this year's actuals compared to last year's actuals for a more accurate reflection of our offertory growth/(decline).

*Please note that fluctuation in weekly giving is often due to variable timing of annual stewardship gifts.



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- Parish Trustees:** Barb Thomas, Mark Spaniol
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The church office is open to the public, but we ask that you make an appointment. All church office visitors will ring the bell and wait for assistance as we will not staff the front desk. Unscheduled visitors are not allowed into the school buildings at this time, but the office is open.

Building Hours—Open for Prayer:
 Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm
 Saturday 8:00am-6:00pm
 Sunday 8:00am-12:00pm

Collection(s) as of: 5/17/2021	
	Actual
Sunday	\$14,481.00
EFT	\$10,409.67
Plate	\$657.51
	\$25,548.18

Year-to-Date Information as of : 5/17/2021	
YTD Budget	\$ 681,294
YTD Actual	\$ 828,191
Amount Over/(Under)	\$146,897

Year-to-Date Comparison to Prior Year as of: 5/17/2021	
Prior YTD Actual	\$ 752,826
Current YTD Actual	\$ 828,191
Amount Over/(Under) Prior Year	\$75,365

Tune in to our Livestream of Masses
<https://tinyurl.com/sjbyoutube>

Mass Schedule

- Saturday Vigil.....5:00pm
- Sunday.....8:00am
-10:00am
- Tuesdays.....5:30pm
- Wednesdays, Thursdays.....8:00am
- Friday (School Mass).....9:00am
- Saturdays.....8:00am
- (Holy Days and Holidays—see bulletin Or call Parish Office)

Resurrection Cemetery

5555 Covington Rd, Shorewood, MN 55331

Sacrament of Confession

- Tuesdays.....5:00pm
- Wednesdays.....7:30am
- Thursdays.....7:30am
- Fridays.....8:30am
- Saturdays.....8:30-9:30am
-3:30-4:30pm

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples must call Fr. Carlson 6 months in advance

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office 2 months prior to child's birth. Required classes held regularly.

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