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# St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish

680 Mill Street, Excelsior, MN 55331

September 26, 2021 | Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## Synod Small Groups

To make sure all Catholics have an opportunity to participate in the Synod process, Archbishop Hebda has asked every parish in the archdiocese to host Synod small groups this fall. That means for six weeks, our parish is focusing our adult formation just on the Synod. It's that important.

Imagine the impact of 186 parishes across the Archdiocese journeying together! Be part of this historic moment now, and the future of our local Church.

### What does the future hold for the Archdiocese?

It depends on you! Archbishop has discerned three focus areas for the Synod, and now he needs your feedback on priorities we should focus on as our archdiocese moves forward.

### How can you share your feedback?

Through Synod small groups, hosted right here at our parish, and at parishes throughout the Archdiocese. For six weeks, you will gather in a small group with other parishioners to:

1. **Pray** for God's guidance on how we can more vigorously proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ!
2. **Learn** the Church's wisdom on the Synod focus area topics.
3. **Discuss** your perspective and ideas with other parishioners.
4. **Respond** with your feedback on Archdiocesan

priorities to proclaim the Good News in our culture today.

### What happens after the Synod?

The Synod Parish Consultation with Small Groups – happening at parishes across the archdiocese – is the next step in a Synod process that culminates with a Synod Assembly at Pentecost 2022. After considering the Synod recommendations, Archbishop Hebda will write a Pastoral Letter in November 2022 – at the Feast of Christ the King – leading to a Pastoral Plan to move our Archdiocese into the future.

**What will be in that plan, and how will it affect our parish?** That depends on you! Share your voice this fall in Synod small groups. Pray and connect with your fellow parishioners, learn about our beautiful Catholic faith, and help Archbishop Hebda weigh priorities for our local Church.

### Join the Journey this Fall

Options for this study at St. John's are:

\* Mondays, beginning October 4th from 6:30-8:30pm

\* Tuesdays, beginning October 5th from 9:15-11:15am

You can find registration forms at the Welcome Desk or you can also go online here to register <https://tinyurl.com/sjbsmallgroup2021>. These small groups are free and open to all!



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## Liturgical News Q&A

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Pope Francis' Motu Proprio *Traditionis Custodes*, July 2021

### **Q: What's a Motu Proprio?**

A: Latin for *of his own accord*, a Motu Proprio is a document issued by the Pope apart from the counsel of others. Nonetheless, this particular letter was in response to Pope Francis' consultation of bishops around the world in 2020.

### **Q: What did Pope Francis say in this Motu Proprio?**

A: He established the liturgical books (used at Mass) promulgated by St. Paul VI and St. John Paul II as the "unique expression of the . . . Roman Rite," therefore encouraging the use of *only* the newer Missal. This is what we do at St. John the Baptist already. He also gave bishops the authority to determine what is best for their diocese, but asked that *if* they continue to allow the use of the older, pre-Vatican II liturgical books, to monitor and regulate these groups in some of the following ways:

- 1) ensuring that they "do not deny the validity and the legitimacy of the liturgical reform, dictated by Vatican Council II"
- 2) designating location(s) where these groups may gather that isn't in parishes
- 3) establishing days in which the old Missal can be used in parishes, provided the readings are proclaimed in the vernacular rather than Latin
- 4) ensuring that no new groups are formed

### **Q: Why did Pope Francis do this?**

A: Put simply, for the sake of unity! He wants to ensure that we are all on the same page as a Church after Vatican II, celebrating the same Mass worldwide rather than both the pre-Vatican II Mass *and* the post-Vatican II Mass. The liturgy is a living thing, and we ought to trust the guidance of the Holy Spirit throughout Vatican II!

### **Q: Wait, so did he just get rid of Latin?**

A: Nope! Pope Francis simply asked that the old books no longer be used. Mass can still be said in Latin, just using the updated Missal. As it has always been, Latin is the language of the Church and its use is still strongly encouraged within the Mass.

### **Q: I've heard lots of rumors surrounding this Motu Proprio – how do I know what's true?**

A: There was certainly a strong emotional response to this news by some, and many news outlets covered the story with their own personal slant (as the news tends to do). The best way to determine what's accurate is to read the document and the accompanying letter itself! It's less daunting than you may think. Simply search "Traditionis Custodes Vatican.va."

*Feel free to reach out to me with more questions, thoughts, or with other liturgical items you'd like to have explained in the bulletin!*

Exultemus Domino,  
Kari Hoeft ~ Director of Music, Liturgy and Parish  
Engagement

# Financial Support

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# Marriage Encounter

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A “perfect marriage” is simply two imperfect people who refuse to give up on each other. Sign up for the October 9-10 Marriage Encounter and begin to create the marriage of your dreams. Register today at [www.marriages.org](http://www.marriages.org)

# Banns of Marriage

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

**October 2nd:** Kasey Penk & Joseph Rosensteel

# Resurrection Cemetery

Autumn has arrived, so it’s time to remove flower pots, stands, and other items from Resurrection Cemetery. The last date for removal is Friday, October 1st. We will dispose of items the following week as we conduct a full fall clean-up of the grounds to prepare for winter. We do not have on-site storage, so please remove all stands and shepherds hooks and store them so that you can use them again next year. They can be returned to the cemetery on May 1st. Only wreaths are permitted from November through March. Please contact Megan Adam with any questions at (952) 474-8868

# First Saturday Devotions

Join us on Saturday, October 2nd for First Saturday Devotions at St. John’s! We will begin at 7:10am for a rosary before the 8am Mass every first Saturday.



# Exultemus!

All are invited to join us for an evening of adoration, praise and worship, and a brief reflection on **Saturday, October 9th at 7 pm** at St. John’s. Families, youth and adults are all welcome to participate! Confessions available.



# Weekly Prayer

## Readings for the Week of September 26, 2021

**Sunday:** Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8,10,12-14/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48

**Monday:** Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-23,29/Lk 9:46-50

**Tuesday:** Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1-7/Lk 9:51-56

**Wednesday:** Dn 7:9-10,13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51

**Thursday:** Neh 8:1-4a,5-6,7b-12/Ps 19:8-11/Lk 10:1-12

**Friday:** Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1-5,8-9/Lk 10:13-16

**Saturday:** Bar 4:5-12,27-29/Ps 69:33-37/Mt 18:1-5,10

**Next Sunday:** Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-6/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16

## Questions of the Week

### First Reading:

Early in their Exodus journey, Moses taught the young Joshua an important lesson on avoiding jealousy and trusting the Lord's providence. How do you avoid the trap of jealousy and envy?

### Second Reading:

James speaks of the trappings and dangers of excessive wealth. What do you think should be the believer's proper disposition toward money?

### Gospel Question:

Jesus warns his disciples against the danger of causing other believers to sin. What do you think would motivate a Christian to do this?

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## Mass Intentions

Mon.	September 27	No Mass	
Tues.	September 28	5:30pm	† Delora Mayer
Wed.	September 29	8:00am	Marge Nelson
Thurs.	September 30	8:00am	Alec Kapsner
Fri.	October 1	9:00am	† George Conkey
Sat.	October 2	8:00am 5:00pm	Mary Leirdahl † Robert Lurquin
Sun.	October 3	8:00am 10:00am	Michael Adam For the Parish

## Pray for the Sick

*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
- Tom Bartholomew
- Mary Rosati
- Joyce Koch
- Viviana Wright
- Art Rosenberg
- Margaret Davis
- Caroline Garanich
- Joe Garaghty
- Ruth Colnar
- David Streeter
- Roger "Pete" Hansen

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# St. John the Baptist Catholic Montessori School

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

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## School Update

### Children's House Update:

In the classroom we encourage independence. Montessori says, "Never help a child with a task at which he feels he can succeed".

Of course there are times we all need help; we encourage the children to ask a classmate for help. There were various times the children helped one another this week. This provides opportunities for the children to practice communication, practice daily life skills, build relationships and strengthen our classroom community.



### Adolescent Community Update:

Our 6th-8th graders have been busy with a building project of a shaduf, which is a hand-operated device for lifting water.

Projects like this are great for critical thinking and working together!



# Faith Formation

“Know that the greatest service that man can offer to God is to help convert souls.” ~ *St. Rose of Lima*

## Faith Formation Kickoff & Mass September 29th

Registration is **STILL OPEN** and we have room in our classes!

If you have not yet registered for our Wednesday night classes for the 2021/2022 school year, please go online and register today! We have classes for Pre-K through 10th grade. You can find out more and register here: <https://stjohns-excelsior.org/faith-formation/>

Our Faith Formation Kickoff & Mass will be on September 29th at 6:30 pm, so please mark your calendars!

## Faith Formation

**LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR THE  
2021/2022 SCHOOL YEAR**

[Register online](#)

[www.stjohns-excelsior.org/parish/Faith-Formation/Weekly-Classes](http://www.stjohns-excelsior.org/parish/Faith-Formation/Weekly-Classes)

**FAITH FORMATION KICKOFF AND MASS  
WEDNESDAY, SEPT 29TH AT 6:30 PM**



# Stewardship Update

\*We have increased our Offertory Budget for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year. 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.

Collections as of: 9/20/2021		Year-to-Date Information as of: 9/20/2021	
	Actual	YTD Budget	\$202,817
Sunday	\$8,255.00	YTD Actual	\$169,388
EFT	\$9,697.67	Amount Over/ (Under)	(\$33,430)
Plate	\$615.25		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,567.92</b>		

## Year-to-Date Information as of: 9/20/2021

Prior YTD Actual	\$188,328
<b>Current YTD Actual</b>	<b>\$169,388</b>
Amount Over/(Under) Prior Year	(\$18,940)

### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil	5:00pm
Sunday	8:00 & 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)*

### Sacrament of Confession

Tuesdays	5:00pm
Wednesdays, Thursdays	7:30am
Fridays	8:30pm
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.

*A local Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help you or anyone who has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church. Victim Assistance Hotline: (651)291-4497*

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