
St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish

680 Mill Street, Excelsior, MN 55331

January 23, 2022 | Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Hope for Life in 2022 Part II

Last week, we covered many of the great strides the pro-life movement achieved in 2021, so, with that healthy dose of hope, here are 10 ways you can start to fight for life with me:

1. Start receiving **daily texts** to pray for abortion-minded women: You can sign up for the Robbinsdale Women Center's "Real Time Prayer" chain. You'll receive an SOS text message asking you to pray for clients currently considering an abortion. Prayer changes things! Text "JOIN" to 763-703-2468.

2. **Pray monthly** at abortion clinics. Silent prayer in front of clinics has saved countless lives. No training is required. Hearts are changed when people "show up" and pray and kneeling in prayer has been known to be effective. The closest abortion facility is in Eden Prairie. Join me on every 4th Saturday at "Prayer at Tower Square" from 9am to 10am; we pray a Rosary and Chaplet together. I bring my kids, too. Please email me to receive reminders: ashleyburns618@protonmail.com.

3. **Fast and pray for pro-choice leaders**, especially the "professed Catholic" politicians. Perhaps fasting from meat on Wednesday and Friday would be a good start. We also need to pray for the Supreme Court and all pro-life leaders. Check out the prayer & rose campaign being led by Archbishop Cordileone! To learn more, visit benedictinstitute.org/rose-and-a-rosary.

4. **Get trained online or in person**: Do you want to learn how to have a peaceful conversation about pro-life topics? Love3 Interactive Workshop by Justice for All is FREE (www.jfaweb.org/love3), 40 Days for Life is offering a virtual sidewalk



counseling training (www.40daysforlife.com/en), and Pro-Life Action Ministries offers in person training (www.plam.org).

5. **Read/listen to** pro-life books, podcasts, testimonies, movies, articles, and emails. I've enjoyed the books and emails by 40 Days for Life, Stephanie Gray, Abby Johnson and Lila Rose.

6. Attend pro-life fundraisers, galas, and **give generously to support pro-life efforts**. There is a new maternity home in Waconia called Enkrateia House of Hope working to serve pregnant women experiencing homelessness. Southwest Options for Women, MCCL, Pro-Life Action Ministries, and Alpha Mobile Women's Clinic are all pro-life, non-profit organizations.

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, January 25th

6:00pm RCIA

Wednesday, January 26th

Faith Formation Classes (4pm & 6:30pm - Confirmation Year 2)

Thursday, January 27th

8:30am Women's Bible Study

Saturday, January 29th

5:00pm Mass

7:00pm Exultemus

Sunday, January 30th

Catholic Schools Week Begins

8:00am Mass (Hospitality)

10:00am Mass (Hospitality)

Mass Roots - The Preparation of the Gifts

With the conclusion of the Profession of Faith and the Prayers of the Faithful, we make the transition from the Liturgy of the Word to the Liturgy of the Eucharist. From the perspective of the pews, we anticipate the great sacrifice on the altar by bringing forth the gifts of bread and wine, as well as our own sacrifices of money, charity items, and most importantly, *our very selves*. What about from the priest's perspective? Here are two things that happen during this time, and the reasons they happen:

1) **The priest pours a little water into the wine.** As he does so, he prays inaudibly: *"By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity."* With the water signifying humanity and the wine Christ's divine blood, **we are made one with him**, never again to be separated! Jesus himself would have mixed water and wine at the Last Supper, as was customary. We also recall the blood and water flowing from Christ's side during his sacrificial death on the cross, about to be made present once again before our very eyes.

2) **The priest washes his hands.** The priest's inaudible prayer at this time is, *"Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin."* Far more than a physical cleansing, the priest's washing symbolizes his **desire for interior purification**. We are also reminded of Pilate, who washed his hands in front of the crowd, wishing to be innocent of Jesus' condemnation. Because the hands *"are a symbol of action,"* washing them *"is a symbol that you ought to be pure from all sinful and unlawful deeds,"* as St. Cyril of Jerusalem writes.



These actions, along with the many other subtle actions and silent prayers of the priest, are examples of his particularly unique role in the Mass. **Though the priest is one with us, he has been ordained to pray and intercede on our behalf, willingly sacrificing his life to do so.** Like the Levites in the Old Testament, priests remind us of Christ's ultimate sacrifice and intercession to the Father. Remember this week to pray for our priests and to be grateful for their ministry and prayers for us, especially in the Mass.

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

Hope for Life in 2022 continued

7. **Volunteer** for a local pro-life organization.
8. Don't shy away from honest, respectful **conversations with family and friends**. Try to ask good questions, listen, and at least learn where other people stand on the topic.
9. Attend local **pro-life events**, including prayer services and the annual March for Life.
10. Learn and/or promote **Natural Family Planning!** What a great gift and blessing that information about this method is widely available online (www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning). Email me if you need more resources (ashleyburns618@protonmail.com)!

Let's start a mighty fire with our combined prayers!

As St. John Vianney says:

"Private prayer is like straw scattered here and there: If you set it on fire it makes a lot of little flames. But gather these straws into a bundle and light them, and you get a mighty fire, rising like a column into the sky; public prayer is like that."

Ashley Burns
Parishioner

Fr. Carlson on Vacation Jan. 17-26

Fr. Carlson will be on vacation through this Wednesday, January 26th. There will be NO daily Mass and NO daily Confession times available while Father is gone.

Our regular Mass and Confession schedule will resume Thursday, January 27th.

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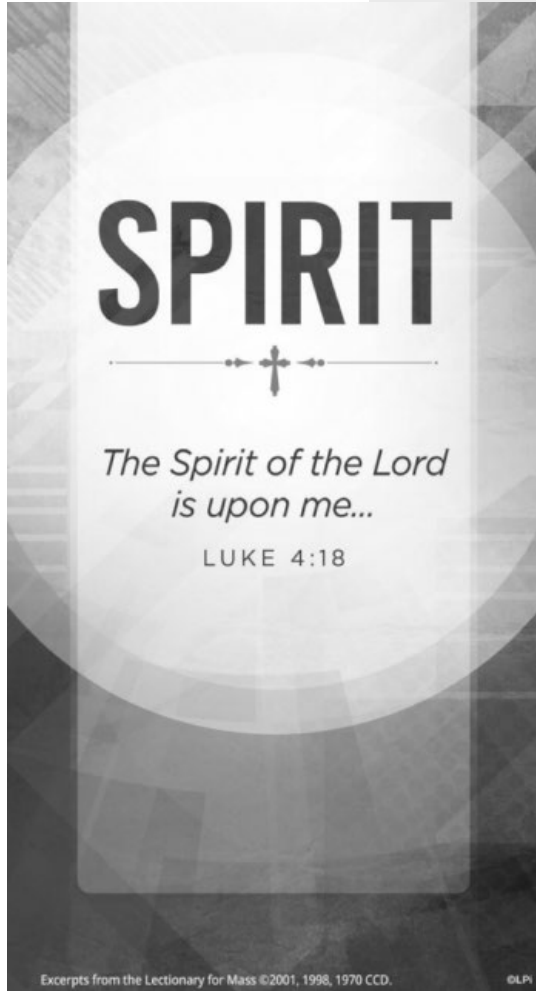
Community Needs

THANK YOU for your continued support of ICA Foodshelf and SouthWest Options for Women! Please bring your donations up during the offertory procession or place them in the bins labeled ICA and SWOW outside the Gathering Place entrance. Thank you!



Exultemus Jan. 29

All are invited to join us for an evening of adoration, praise and worship, and a brief reflection on Saturday, January 29th at 7pm at St. John's. Families, youth, and adults are all welcome to participate! Confession times available.



Weekly Prayer

Readings for the week of January 23, 2022

- Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
- Monday:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
- Wednesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
- Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
- Next Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

Questions of the Week

First Reading:

Ezra and Nehemiah were the religious and political leaders of Judah in the mid-5th century BC. They grounded their leadership in Scripture (“the book of the law.”) What role does sacred Scripture have in guiding your life?

Second Reading:

Paul used the human body as an analogy for the “many parts” of the Christian community in Corinth that should unite as the “one body” of Christ. In what ways do you find this a challenging vision for community?

Gospel:

Today’s reading contains both the opening prologue to the Gospel of Luke and the initial reaction to Jesus’ return to his hometown of Nazareth. Luke is the only Evangelist to provide us with a prologue outlining his motivation to write his Gospel. What details do you find most interesting from Luke’s prologue?

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Mass Intentions

Mon.	January 24	No Mass	
Tues.	January 25	No Mass	
Wed.	January 26	No Mass	
Thurs.	January 27	8:00am	† Arnold Nelson
Fri.	January 28	9:00am	The Colnar Family
Sat.	January 29	8:00am	† Mary Boisvert
		5:00pm	† Tom Bartholomew
Sun.	January 30	8:00am	John Aeshliman & † Mona
		10:00am	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
 - Mary Rosati
 - Viviana Wright
 - Margaret Davis
 - Joe Garaghty
 - Ruth Colnar
- David Streeter
 - Roger “Pete” Hansen
 - Joyce Koch
 - Art Rosenberg
 - Caroline Garanich
 - Jerry Doboszanski

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SJB Adolescent Cinnamon Roll Bake Sale!

To celebrate Catholic Schools Week, the SJB Adolescent Community is baking and selling cinnamon rolls! The proceeds will go toward their odyssey trip. Pre-order online at sjbmarket.com. Pick up times are from 3:15pm-3:45pm on Friday, January 28th or after 10am Mass on Sunday, January 30th.



Gingerbread House Winner

Congrats to the Burns family for winning the Family Gingerbread House Contest! All the entries were beautiful, but one house pulled ahead with votes. Thank you to all who participated and we hope the Burns family enjoys their winter family fun basket!

Snowflake Crafting

Some of our students had the chance to make snowflakes recently! It was a fun and fitting, seasonal craft for all the students!



News & Events

Take a look at what's coming up!

Seminary Application Launch Window is Now for Fall 2022

If you are discerning Catholic priesthood and would like help with next steps, please contact Father David Blume, Director of Vocations. Father Blume is currently meeting with men applying to be considered for acceptance as archdiocesan seminarians for Fall 2022. Father Blume can be reached at frblume@stthomas.edu or 651.962.6890.

Ordination of the Most Reverend Joseph A. Williams

Tuesday, January 25, 1:00pm, Cathedral of Saint Paul, Saint Paul

On December 10, Pope Francis named Father Joseph Williams, a priest of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, as Auxiliary Bishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. The ordination of Joseph Williams to the Episcopacy will take place on the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, with a public reception to follow. If you plan to attend in-person, please remember that Archbishop Hebda has strongly encouraged mask-wearing at Mass, in light of the pandemic. The ordination will also be livestreamed on the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis' Facebook page and aired on Metro Cable Channel 6. Learn more about Bishop-elect Williams, watch video interviews, and find details on the ordination at archspm.org/newbishop. Please join us in praying for our new auxiliary bishop!

Miriam Dinner

Tuesday, February 1, 6-8pm, Archdiocesan Catholic Center, Saint Paul

Archbishop Bernard Hebda invites women, ages 16-35, who are discerning consecrated life to join him for dinner and conversation. The evening will include consecrated women sharing their vocation testimonies, stories of consecrated life and discernment tips. Please complete the required registration at 1000vocations.org.

Equipped for Life

A Fresh Approach to Conversation about Abortion

Saturday, February 5, University of Saint Thomas, Saint Paul

This day of training, provided by National Pro-Life Leader Emily Albrecht through the Equal Rights Institute, will equip attendees with a large, successfully tested set of practical tools to use in future conversations. The morning program runs from 9am-noon, followed by an afternoon program from 1-4pm. Participate in both or just a partial day. Cost is \$15 for half-day, \$20 for full-day and \$10 per session for students (high school and college). Tickets are available at mncatholic.org/equippedforlife.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Give the best St. Valentine's Day gift possible by signing up for the February 12-13 Marriage Encounter! Weekends are held at Mt. Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit www.marriages.org to register, for additional information, or call 651.454.3238.

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: 1/18/2022		Year-to-Date Information as of: 1/18/2022	
	Actual	YTD Budget	\$557,334
Sunday	\$19,260.00	YTD Actual	\$582,546
EFT	\$11,920.67	Amount Over/ (Under)	\$25,211
Plate	\$433.50		
Total	\$31,614.17		

Year-to-Date Information as of: 1/18/2022	
Prior YTD Actual	\$534,431
Current YTD Actual	\$582,546
Amount Over/(Under) Prior Year	\$48,115

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	8:30am
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.

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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Saturday 8:00am-6:00pm

Sunday 8:00am-12:00pm

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