
St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish

680 Mill Street, Excelsior, MN 55331

January 30, 2022 | Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Celebrating Catholic Schools Week!

Happy Catholic Schools Week! I was asked to share about our very own Catholic school and while I could fill the page with data that states that Catholic school students nationally score higher on achievement tests, or that graduates of Catholic schools are less likely to divorce and that they statistically have a 99.3% high school graduation rate, I've decided to share an experience I had recently in one of our Atrium classrooms.

A little background first: The motto of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in the Atrium is: "Help me fall in love with God by myself."

In this program, the image of Christ as the Good Shepherd, who loves his sheep and gives everything He is for them, forms the center of the young child's relationship with God. The Good Shepherd knows His sheep and calls them by their name. The child comes to discover who the Shepherd is and who they are – His children.

In the midst of this blossoming relationship, these same children are exposed to small, isolated items and "moments" of the Mass. They hold a small chalice, learn to name each of the vestments that the priest wears, and wonder at what occurs at specific moments of the liturgy. Their relationship with the Good Shepherd is nurtured in such a way that they are preparing to live the fullness of the life of the Catholic

Church through the liturgy and the sacraments.

We are very blessed that our children can learn about the Good Shepherd and His gift of the Eucharist, and they will be able

to immediately apply this knowledge by joining our parish around the table of Our Lord! We have great trust in the grace that these children have received at their Baptism, and are excited to show them that this Catholic faith we share is truly one not just for adults but for all. As our Lord Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

In the Atrium recently, a Catechist was showing the material on the shepherd's adoration of Jesus. The Catechist asked a 3 year old if she thought the shepherds said anything to Jesus as he lay in the manger. The child shook her head no. After a few minutes of pondering, the 3 year old said, "They just looked at the baby Jesus and they saw that He was good." AH! What a beautiful thought! It is so wonderful to see how the Atrium enables these young children to personally encounter Christ.

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

Calendar of Events

Catholic Schools Week Jan. 30th–Feb. 5th

Tuesday, February 1st

6:00pm RCIA

7:00pm Finance Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 2nd

Faith Formation Classes (4pm & 6:30pm - Confirmation Year 1)

Thursday, February 3rd

8:30am Women's Bible Study

Friday, February 4th

10:00am Altar & Rosary Society Meeting

Saturday, February 5th

7:10am First Saturday Devotions

8:00am First Saturday Mass

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, February 6th

8:00am Mass (Hospitality)

10:00am Mass (Hospitality)

Mass Roots – The Eucharistic Prayer

It's easy to diminish the Eucharistic Prayer to a super long prayer during which we stand and kneel, stand, and kneel again. But this is the crux of not only the Mass, but the *source and summit of Christian life* itself! Though we learned about the Eucharistic Prayer at length on the Feast of Corpus Christi, it's worth repeating again today:

Every Eucharistic Prayer begins with the **Preface**. This starts after the altar is prepared and we stand to "lift up our hearts to the Lord!", and continues through the singing of the "Holy, Holy, Holy," after which we kneel.

Next is the **Anaphora**, which is broken down into six parts:

- 1) The **epiclesis**, during which the Holy Spirit is invoked to make Jesus present in the gifts of bread and wine.
- 2) The **Institution Narrative**, during which the priest restates Jesus' words at the last supper. However, the priest isn't retelling the story *to us*. Rather, this prayer is *addressed to God!* Here, as throughout the rest of the Mass, *we make the priest's prayer our own* as we participate in the Mass together.
- 3) The **anamnesis**, or memorial prayer, during which our calling to mind of Jesus' actions at the Last Supper and on the Cross *make that historical*

moment truly present again, hence why we call Mass a "sacrifice." Jesus, of course, isn't being crucified again, but the moment comes to life in a way that is just as real as the day it happened long ago!

4) The **oblation** is when we offer this very sacrifice, Jesus truly present, to the Father. We, by uniting ourselves to Christ, also offer our own selves at this time.

5) The **intercessions** express that "the Eucharist is celebrated in communion with the *whole* Church, of both *heaven and of earth*, and that the oblation is made for her and for *all her members, living and dead*, who are called to participate in the redemption and salvation purchased by the Body and Blood of Christ" (USCCB).

6) Finally, the **doxology**: "*through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours almighty Father, forever and ever, amen.*" This is a moment of uniting ourselves, through the Holy Spirit, to Jesus' *perfect worship* of God the Father!

So there you have it! Pay extra attention to the Eucharistic Prayer next time you're at Mass, striving to enter more deeply into this ancient, holiest prayer of the Church.

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

First Saturday Devotions

Join us on Saturday, **February 5th** for First Saturday Devotions at St. John's! **We begin at 7:10am with a rosary before the 8am Mass every first Saturday.**

Seminary Application Launch Window

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.

Vianney Visit

February 17-19, Saint John Vianney College Seminary, Saint Paul

Vianney Visit provides high school and college men (ages 16-24) the opportunity to take a closer look at and experience college seminary. Attend Mass, class at the University of Saint Thomas, prayer and spiritual conferences with Saint John Vianney college seminary priests, and hear testimonies from SJV seminarians. There is no charge for the event. All meals are provided. Please complete the required registration at semssp.org/registration-sjv.

Feed My Starving Children

We serve at Feed My Starving Children in Chanhassen every **second Thursday of the month from 9-11am**. Our next date is **February 10th**. If you are interested in joining, please sign up at the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Place.

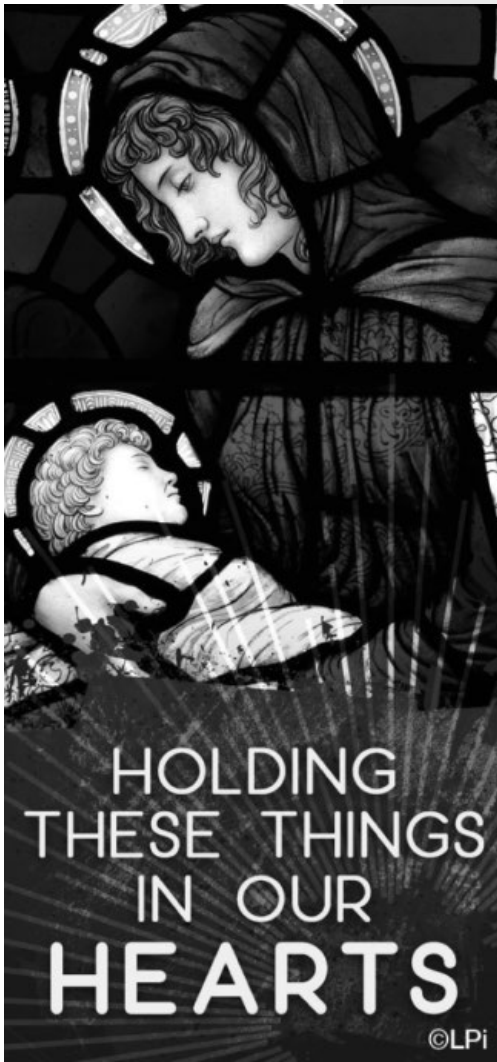
Worldwide Marriage Encounter

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.

Serve as a Totus Tuus Missionary!

Application Deadline: Tuesday, February 1

The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is in need of college-age men and women with missionary hearts who are committed to their Catholic faith and feel called to share it with the youth around the Archdiocese. This is a two-month commitment (June 3 – July 30), which includes one week of training and one week break for Independence Day. Missionaries receive a \$2,520 stipend for the summer, and meals and lodging are provided. Apply at archspm.org/totustuus or contact the Totus Tuus Coordinator at 651.291.4489 or totustuus@archspm.org.



Weekly Prayer

Readings for the week of January 30, 2022

- 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
- Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
- Friday:** Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
- Next Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/ Lk 5:1-11

Questions of the Week

First Reading Question:

In his call to be a prophet, the Lord informs Jeremiah of both the human resistance and the divine providence that lies ahead for him. When have you felt God's presence in the midst of turmoil in your life?

Second Reading:

Paul eloquently defines the spiritual virtue of "love" for the Christians in Corinth. How well do you live by the standards of love as defined by Paul?

Gospel:

The people of Nazareth were "filled with fury" at Jesus' words to them. How do you imagine Jesus reacted to being rejected by those in his hometown of Nazareth?

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Mass Intentions

Mon.	January 31	No Mass	
Tues.	February 1	5:30pm	†† Marvin & Helen Shipman
Wed.	February 2	8:00am	† R. Jean Gray
Thurs.	February 3	8:00am	† Tom Schoenecker
Fri.	February 4	9:00am	† Howard Gans
Sat.	February 5	8:00am	† George Koehnen
		5:00pm	For the Parish
Sun.	February 6	8:00am	For the Parish
		10:00am	† R. Jean Gray

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

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.



Celebrating Catholic Schools Continued

It is a true challenge to capture the beauty of what happens within our faith-filled, multi-age classrooms, where children are free to work at their own pace, learn from each other, and challenge themselves to go deeper into a topic or simply work to understand concepts more abstractly. It is even a greater challenge to see the inner workings of the heart that happen on a daily basis. We are blessed to be able to witness such moments day in and day out.

Thank you for making our school possible through your prayers and monetary support and, most importantly, for being a part of the mission of the Church: the sanctification and salvation of souls for Christ.

To end, I will share a few thoughts from some parents:

“St John’s is dedicated to making this school authentically Catholic but authentically Montessori as well; you can’t get a better education than that!”

“We love how our son is gently held to a high standard at SJB both in his behavior and in his academics. His academic work is tailored and paced to him individually, so he can advance in the areas where he excels and take extra time in the areas where he needs more work. School has been a positive experience for our son because SJB manages to be academically rigorous without taking the joy out of learning. We love how children receive the big picture of how all the different academic subjects fit together; it really sparks curiosity!”

Blessings,
Angela Wroblewski



Catholic Schools Week Schedule

Sunday: Celebrating our Parish (buy your cinnamon rolls after Mass this Sunday and join the celebration!)

Monday: Celebrating our Students

Tuesday: Celebrating our Community

Wednesday: Celebrating the Nation

Thursday: Celebrating Vocations

Friday: Celebrating Faculty/Families

Magician Brian Richards to Perform

Magician Brian Richards will perform on Friday, February 4th at 10:30am.

If you are interested in attending, please contact the School Office at 952-474-5812 or school@stjohns-excelsior.org

News & Events

Take a look at what's coming up!

What It Means to Be a Man of God

February 18-20, Franciscan Retreat Center, Prior Lake

Join this men's retreat for a time of rest, renewal, and re-focus. The retreat includes music, Mass, rosary, adoration, confessions, small group time, and presentations by Kevin Bittner, Greg Hughes, and Brad Nelson. The cost of \$170 (\$40 extra for a private room) includes meals. **Register by February 3.** The retreat is sponsored by the Church of Saint Paul in Ham Lake. Visit churchofsaintpaul.com/mens-retreat for more details and to register. All men are welcome!

Franciscan Discernment Series

Thursdays, February 10, March 10, April 28, and May 12; 6-8:30pm; Blessed Solanus Friary, Saint Paul

The priests and brothers of the Franciscan Brothers of Peace (f.b.p.) are hosting a discernment series for Catholic men, ages 18-35. The evening includes dinner, a talk, adoration, and night prayer. Come for what you can. Learn more and RSVP by contacting Br. Paschal, vocations director, at paschal@brothersofpeace.org or 651-470-2171 (text/voicemail). Visit facebook.com/queenofpeacefriary for more information.

2022 WINE: Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday, February 26, 8am-3:30pm at Holy Family Catholic Church, Saint Louis Park

The WINE: Catholic Women's Conference with emcee Alyssa Bormes begins with Mass, followed with music by Caroline Metzinger and inspirational talks by Kelly Wahlquist (WINE founder); Liz Kelly (Catholic author and retreat leader); Leah Jacobson (the Wholistic Feminist); and Alicia Donovan (Biblical beekeeper). The day includes prayer with prayer teams, confession, adoration, laughter, lunch, shopping, CHOCOLATE, and a fun raffle! **Register at wineconference.org by February 1** for \$55 for the Saturday conference or \$100 for the Saturday conference plus a special Friday Gathering (open to 200 ladies)!

A Journey Through the Bible

A Great Pairing with Bible in a Year Podcast!

Tuesdays, March 1-April 26, 7-9pm at Holy Family, Saint Louis Park - Register by February 22

The Catechetical Institute invites you to *A Journey through the Bible*. This 8-week course taught by Jeff Cavins, will help you understand your faith and deepen your relationship with God by teaching you to read the Bible as a story. Weaving in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, this unique Bible study will show you how a knowledge of salvation history and its relationship to Church teaching can help you live God's plan of sheer goodness! Cost is \$100 for in person attendance, or \$75 via live stream. The course includes lectures, small group discussion, Bible Timeline chart, workbook, bookmark, and supplemental Catechetical Institute materials. For more information, live stream satellite parish locations, and to register, visit CInstudent.com.

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: 1/24/2022		Year-to-Date Information as of: 1/24/2022	
	Actual	YTD Budget	\$572,334
Sunday	\$12,257.20	YTD Actual	\$595,268
Plate	\$465.30	Amount Over/ (Under)	\$22,934
Total	\$12,722.50		

Year-to-Date Information as of: 1/24/2022

Prior YTD Actual	\$554,000
Current YTD Actual	\$595,268
Amount Over/(Under) Prior Year	\$41,268

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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Sunday 8:00am-12:00pm

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