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# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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January 2, 2021



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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#### MASS TIMES

<b>Monday</b>	<i>No Mass</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:00 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00 AM
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 AM
<b>Friday</b>	12:15 PM
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 AM
<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	5:00 PM
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 AM (live streamed) 11:00 AM & 5:00 PM

#### CONFESSION

<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
<b>Friday</b>	11:00 AM - 11:45 AM
<b>Saturday</b>	3:30 - 4:30 PM

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION *In Eucharistic Chapel*

<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 AM - 5:45 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

#### OFFICE HOURS

**Monday - Friday** 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
Closed 12:00 - 1:00 PM

## FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Feast of the Epiphany! Today we rejoice in the revelation that Christ has come not just to redeem the people of Israel, but to be the savior of all nations. Thanks be to God for this gift! We see the three Kings who visit Jesus model for us the proper response to who He is— “they fell down and worshiped Him.” I read recently someone describing praise of God as an outburst of wonder. That is, wonder that cannot be contained bursts forth, erupts into praise. Would this be our experience. Let us join with the wise men, and so many saints who have gone before us in pondering the mystery of God made man, and may this wonder erupt into praise and worship of Him!

**Joy Continues!** Don't forget that the Christmas season continues! Just as we have faithfully attended to the season of Advent to prepare, now we are invited to partake in an intentional way in celebrating the feast! So, as your pastor, regardless of New Years' resolutions, I command you to feast!

**Alpha-** We are very excited to be launching another Alpha series this spring. It is an opportunity to get to know other people, enjoy a meal, and ask some of the deep questions of life. It is a basic presentation of the Gospel, which we can never hear too many times. Even I need to be reminded of these truths! My hope is that every single person in the parish would get the chance to attend an Alpha series. Let me repeat that, I hope that *every person here at SJB would get the opportunity to attend Alpha! I have been through the course a few times myself, and the Lord always surprises and inspires something new. When the Gospel is proclaimed to us, it is not just a presentation of ideas, but an invitation to an encounter with Jesus Christ. Please, consider signing up for the session beginning January 13 (registration closes this week!), and invite a friend to go with you!*

In Christ,

*Fr. Dan*

## WILDFIRE

### Youth Group Meetings for January:

Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 7 - 8:30 PM

Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. 7 - 8:30 PM

### Family Formation

The next Family Formation Night at the parish is:

Wednesday January 5, 6:30 - 8 PM



### REGISTER FOR ALPHA

Thursday Evenings  
January 13 - March 17, 2022  
6 PM to 8 PM  
Retreat Day  
Saturday, February 26  
in the Parish Life Center

Scan QR code  
or  
register at  
[ypsilanticatholic.com](http://ypsilanticatholic.com)



**WELCOME**

We extend a warm welcome to all new individuals and families! Please register as soon as possible at the parish office. Registration forms can be found in the Narthex.

You can also download the form from our website:  
[www.ypsilanticatholic.com](http://www.ypsilanticatholic.com)

**MATRIMONY**

Couples should contact the parish office as soon as they are engaged to inquire about Marriage Formation: 734-483-3360.

**PARENT PRE-BAPTISM CLASS**

Parents are required to attend a preparation session and must be registered parishioners for at least three months. Pre-registration for this preparation class is required. Please call the parish office for more information.

**BAPTISMS**

Visit our website, Sacramental Life tab, to view the Baptism policy for our parish. Please contact the parish office three months in advance. 734-483-3360.

**LAY MINISTER INFORMATION**

If you are interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister or wish to update your schedule preferences, please submit your request by email to [sjbreceptionist@gmail.com](mailto:sjbreceptionist@gmail.com)

**REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS**

Call the parish office to ask for a special day. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. The stipend for a Mass intention is \$10. Mass cards are also available.

**BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS**

[sjbreceptionist@gmail.com](mailto:sjbreceptionist@gmail.com)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY**

January 3 *No Mass*

**TUESDAY**

January 4 **6:00 PM**  
 † Mike McCully & Shirley McCully  
*Requested by Leanna McCully*

**WEDNESDAY**

January 5 **8:00 AM**  
 Intentions of the Sammour Family  
*Requested by Scott and Mary Reister*

**THURSDAY**

January 6 **8:00 AM**  
 † Margaret Smith  
*Requested by Debbie Brown*

**FRIDAY**

January 7 **12:15 PM**  
 Mass preceded by the Angelus

**SATURDAY**

January 8  
**8:00 AM**  
 Intentions of the Firm godchildren  
*Requested by Joe and Mary Firm*

**5:00 PM**  
 † Joan Pryce  
*Requested by Helen Denoyer*

**SUNDAY**

January 9  
**9:00 AM**  
 Fr. Stanley Czarnota (previous pastor at St. Ursula Church)  
*Requested by a parishioner*

**11:00 AM**  
 For the people of the parish

**5:00 PM**  
 Deb & Herb Diehr Anniversary  
*Requested by Deb & Herb Diehr*

**Lay Ministry Teams for the Weekend of January 8 and 9**

Mass Times	Lector	Usher	Sacristan
Saturday 5:00 pm	Kathy Badgerow Mike Weathers	Josh Reszke Joe Stefanov Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Mary Van Wynsberg
Sunday 9:00 am	Sophie Heitkamp Rebecca Lussier	Connor Lenhardt Shawn Lenhardt Angela Parrinello Christine Sullivan	Jan Rudisill
Sunday 11:00 am	Joe McKeone David Stolarski	Fred Hall Barb Stimach Jim Stimach John Urbanic	Maralee Meyer
Sunday 5:00 pm	Patricia Gillay Heather Koch	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Toni Esteva





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 Rebecca MacKenzie  
 Claudia Dumas  
 Mary Skidmore  
 Pete Pierce  
 Michael Hoppe  
 Lisa Aloisio  
 Tom McCoy  
 Sonia Madrigal  
 Earl Klager  
 Sandie Weathers  
 Kailyn Fitzgerald

Katie O'Toole  
 Andrea Oetjens  
 Charlett Aure  
 Joe McCadden  
 Andrea Brown  
 Mary Bellard  
 Jane Turpen  
 Robert Zukowski  
 Ronald Weston  
 Sandi Kobish  
 Mike Weathers

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 CWO Mary Gable, USCG  
 Capt. Kristin Mixon  
 Capt. Russ Mixon  
 Staff Sgt. Stacey Moore  
 MAJ William Muraski  
 Cayce Whitcomb, USMC 3rd Battalion 5  
 Cpl. Hailey Ann Roof  
 Tech. Sgt. Jay Russell  
 Chief Petty Officer, Jacob Meyer



### Food Pantry

Please visit the Parish Website under the Food Pantry tab for an updated donation list!

12:45 - 2:30PM: Unloading and Organizing  
 5:45 - 7:45PM: Distribution to the Community

Please contact Caroline Wright with any questions: [carolinewrightsjb@gmail.com](mailto:carolinewrightsjb@gmail.com)



### Alpha Volunteers Needed

Thursday Evenings  
 January 13 to March 17, 2022  
 and Saturday  
 February 26, 2022

If you are interested in serving on our Alpha team, please visit the Sign-Up Genius at [www.tinyurl.com/WinterAlphaVolunteers](http://www.tinyurl.com/WinterAlphaVolunteers)



## St. John the Baptist Parish Wish List

### BUILDING AND FACILITIES

- Church Renovation \$1 million
- New Roof \$900,000
- Flood Mitigation \$100,000
- Painting - Exterior of All Buildings \$?
- Redesign Parish Offices - Change Layout to Accommodate More Staff and Create a Cohesive Setting \$?
- Improve Annex - Flooring, Lights \$40,000
- Adoration Chapel - Decorate, New Pews, Breezeway, New Lighting \$8,000

### STAFF AND PERSONNEL

- Additional Staff - Campus Ministry, Discipleship, Youth Discipleship, Food Pantry, Worship \$150,000

### SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Buy the Liquor Store - Convert to Food Pantry \$500,000
- Campus Ministry Bible Studies - Resources \$1,000

### SJB CAMPUS MINISTRY

INTERESTED  
 IN JOINING  
 OUR SMALL  
 GROUP  
 COMMUNITY?



SCAN THIS QR CODE TO SIGN UP!

Recent Death in our  
 St. John the Baptist Community  
 We pray for our beloved parishioner...  
 † Mary Wawrzaszek

## Hungry for More?

With the Lord there is always more: more of His love, more wisdom, more deep encounters with Him, more encouragement from others as we walk with Him.

**MORE OF HIM!**

### Bible Study

**FOOTPRINTS OF GOD: ST. PAUL**  
starting January 24, led by  
Tony and Lynne Comazzi

**Monday 7:00 PM**  
**Bible Study Room**

Each week you will receive suggested Scripture readings, discussion questions, and view an exciting and informative video. There is no charge for this study. Contact Lynne, 734-945-2960 or Tony, 734-649-7138 with any questions.

### Women's Bible Study

**COME AND SEE CATHOLIC SERIES**  
currently running, led by Mary Firm

**Tuesday 10-11:30 AM**  
**Bible Study Room**

We generally start every September and continue into May. Joining mid-study is no deterrent for participation though. Currently we are studying *Prophets and Apostles*. Contact Mary Firm [marytfirn@gmail.com](mailto:marytfirn@gmail.com) for more information.

### INNER HEALING PRAYER SESSIONS

At St. John the Baptist, we desire every person in our parish and in our city to experience the healing love of Jesus. Inner healing prayer ministry is a way by which we can encounter this healing love.

In an inner healing prayer session, a team of two people will pray with you to receive whatever healing God chooses to give you. You will be given the opportunity to use prayers which will help you to open up more deeply to God.

### Need someone to talk to or pray with you?

Deacon Steve is available to meet with you.

Please email him at  
[dcn.steve@gmail.com](mailto:dcn.steve@gmail.com)

### Bible Study

**TEACHING AND DISCUSSION ON THE GOSPEL OF LUKE**  
Starting January, led by Dave Hasey

**Tuesdays 6:45 to 8:00 PM**  
**In the Lounge**

Please contact Dave Hasey at  
[dahasey@gmail.com](mailto:dahasey@gmail.com) with questions.

### Women's Bible Study

**COME AND SEE CATHOLIC SERIES**  
currently running, led by Mary Firm

**Thursday 1-2:30 PM**  
**Bible Study Room**

We generally start every September and continue into May. Joining mid-study is no deterrent for participation though. Currently this group is studying *The Gospel of John*. Contact Mary Firm [marytfirn@gmail.com](mailto:marytfirn@gmail.com) for more information.

### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA Program)

Are you thinking about becoming Catholic? Are you still unsure, but interested in learning more? Are you Catholic and looking to receive all your sacraments?

At St. John the Baptist, we want to walk with you as you learn more, discover the gospel and pursue the fullness of the gift that Jesus offers in the Catholic Church. If you would like more information, please contact Jess Jenkins at [sjbdiscipleship@gmail.com](mailto:sjbdiscipleship@gmail.com).

We look forward to hearing from you!



Has the Lord been putting something on your heart to initiate at St. John the Baptist to help us grow closer to the Lord? Perhaps there are some resources at *Formed.org* that would be a great blessing to our parish.

Feel free to discuss your thoughts with our Director of Discipleship, Jessica Jenkins.  
[sjbdiscipleship@gmail.com](mailto:sjbdiscipleship@gmail.com)



### Join us for Alpha

Alpha is an eleven week course exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Each session begins with a meal, followed by a short video

and a time for conversation in the context of a small group. Alpha provides an opportunity to discuss life's big questions together while getting to know one another and creating and building a sense of community and friendship with one another. Alpha is free to all who attend. To register, please visit our website: [www.ypsilanticatholic.com](http://www.ypsilanticatholic.com) or visit [www.tinyurl.com/SJBWinterAlpha](http://www.tinyurl.com/SJBWinterAlpha)

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### Women's Bible Study

**WALKING WITH PURPOSE**  
starting in January, led by Julie Mussio and Lee Michna

**Every other Wednesday 7:00 PM**  
**Bible Study Room**

Women of all ages are warmly invited to the winter course titled: *Reclaiming Friendship, God's Plan for Deep Connection*. Discover God's plan for friendship and learn how to cultivate true, deep relationships that last. We hope you will join us for fruitful study, lively discussion and a wonderful time to fellowship together. The book cost/study guide is \$20. We will meet 2 times per month on Wednesday evenings from January through May. Questions: Julie Mussio  
[jmussio@smspnewman.org](mailto:jmussio@smspnewman.org)

**WEEKLY MASS READINGS**

Sunday	Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11] Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12
Monday	1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday	1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday	1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 Mk 6:45-52
Thursday	1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 Lk 4:14-22a
Friday	1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Lk 5:12-16
Saturday	1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b Jn 3:22-30
Sunday	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b] Acts 10:34-38 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1] Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Lk:15-16, 21-22

*Women's Discernment Group*



Join young women from the parish as you discern your vocation. For more information, email Sr. Lisa at [srlisasjb@gmail.com](mailto:srlisasjb@gmail.com)

*"I found Him whom my soul loves"  
Song of Songs 3:4*

**MEN'S DISCERNMENT GROUP**



Join other young men from the parish as you discern your vocation. For more information, email Fr. Dan at [frdansjb@gmail.com](mailto:frdansjb@gmail.com).

*"Do this in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19*

**Food Pantry**

Interested in volunteering? Sign up on the parish website!

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12:45 - 2:30: Unloading and Organizing  
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**WORKS OF MERCY**



**Opportunities to Serve!**

If you want to serve the Church as an **MC, Sacristan, Lector or Usher**, please contact the parish office at 734-483-3360. There is a need for volunteers especially for the weekend 5 PM Masses.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION HOURS**

TUESDAY 10AM - 6PM  
WEDNESDAY 9AM - 9PM

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