



CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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February 16, 2025 ♦ The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MISSION STATEMENT:

We are called together in fellowship to witness to our Catholic faith through prayer and the celebration of the sacraments. We give testimony to Jesus Christ by reaching out with compassion to others.

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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are you who are now hungry,
for you will be satisfied.
Blessed are you who are now weeping,
for you will laugh."
- Lk 6:21



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/
Lk 6:17, 20-26
Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/
Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/
Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34-9:1
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The one who trusts in the LORD is like a tree planted beside the waters (Jeremiah 17:5-8).
Psalm — Blessed are they who hope in the Lord (Psalm 1).
Second Reading — Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20).
Gospel — Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled, laughing (Luke 6:17, 20-26).

CELEBRATIONS OF EUCHARIST:

Wednesday thru Friday 8:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Friday: 7:30 - 7:50 a.m.
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 - 8:40 a.m.
Other times by appointment.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday by 9:00 a.m.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

We warmly welcome new parishioners and request that they register by calling the parish office.

BAPTISM:

Congratulations! We are excited to help you welcome your child into the Church. Parents must attend a Baptism Preparation Class prior to their child's baptism. Please call the parish office to register.

MARRIAGE:

Couples should contact the parish office as soon as possible after their engagement is announced. The preferred preparation period is 12 months. You must be a registered parishioner before setting a wedding date.

♿ HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE



Mass Intentions

17 Mon. **No Mass**
18 Tue. **No Mass**
19 Wed. 8:00 a.m. Merlin and Mildred Dahlheimer
Family - Living and Deceased
20 Thu. 8:00 a.m. John Holewa † (1 year anniv.)
21 Fri. 8:00 a.m. Arleigh and Peri Nelson ††
22 Sat. 5:00 p.m. Raymond Bouley, Jr. †
(30 year anniv.)
23 Sun. 9:00 a.m. St. John the Baptist Parishioners



Next Weekend - February 22 and 23

5:00 P.M.

Ushers: Lynn Eggert
Teri Ray
Reader: Rena Hales
Servers: Logan Crosby
Communion Minister: Cheri McCann

9:00 A.M.

Ushers: Jacob and Bianca Moylan
Reader: Jim Penick
Servers: Jude and George Walton
Communion Minister: Barb Carnes
Children's Liturgy: Lead: Sarah Moylan
Aide: Kaycee McAlpine



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS . . .

Char Barder, Bena Bourgeois, Marie Corbin, Ken Croteau, Donna Rivers Hauan, Bob Huss, Martha Killian, Wayne Lahn, Jane Lenz, Rick Marion, Barbara Mulcahy, Marilyn Nordine, Anné Otremba, Viola Plante, Jodi Playle, Catherine Schumacher, Rosemary Steer, Mary Watson, Billi Jo Weekley, Sandi Weekley, and Anne (Loftus) Whiting. Dorinda Armstrong (sister of Dan Fodstad-Bouley), Raymond Bernard (brother-in-law of Joan Playle), Linda Chase (daughter of Jim and Bonnie Haberle), Jeff Chouinard (son of Joanne Chouinard), Tammy Courtright (sister of Sue Harff), Sandy Delgehausen (friend of Tim and Kathy Timm), Darrell Delles (brother-in-law of Joan Playle), Julie Corbin Dray (niece of Joan Playle), John Elfa (cousin of Kathy Timm), Mike Gullickson and Bill Southworth (friends of Marilyn Nordine), Wayne Jurmu (father of Barb Carnes), Gregory Killian (son of Martha Killian), Scott Knowlan (son-in-law of Mary Christian), Jeff Nettleton (friend of Russ and Teri Ray), John and Virginia Resler (friends of Lynn Eggert), Dawn Schmidt (friend of Joanne Chouinard), Dave Stasson (brother-in-law of Lucy McAlpine), Karla Storlein (cousin of Tim Timm), Carol Ticky (sister of Mary Dahlheimer), and Dan Zapf (grandson of Earl and Elaine Schulenburg).



From the Pastor

The Beatitudes are often seen as the New Testament's version of the Ten Commandments, a set of axioms by which to live our moral life. And while it is true they are words of promise and help us discern whether we are living according to God's plan, it is also important to remember that they are directed to the actual circumstances of the people Jesus is talking to.

Both Matthew and Luke tell us that that Jesus looks at His disciples before He begins to teach, and He saw people who were poor, hungry, weeping; who were or would be hated and persecuted for His name; these are the practical attributes of Jesus' disciples, and really of all humanity. This isn't meant to be menacing, but a reminder that in the light of God's revelation that we have hope - hope that even in hardships or suffering we would know the presence of God.

One of the reoccurring critiques of Catholicism by modern philosophers isn't our doctrine or aesthetics, which they actually tend to admire, but our morality - that by embracing and living the Beatitudes we've somehow set up excuses for failures or cowardice or to use post-modern internet philosopher lingo being a beta. But as the ancient Greek philosophers could have told their modern and post-modern successors, the greatest sin of mankind is hubris - ensnaring, self-centering pride, which keeps us from love and therefore from God.

The Beatitudes remind us of the central truth of our faith, that God the Son, eternally begotten of the Father, humbles Himself, descends, empties Himself to the point of death on the cross, so that we would know in our circumstances and in our imitation of Christ's love how we find blessedness, how we find beatitude. To paraphrase St. Thérèse when we stand before the Lord it will be with empty hands, but we must make sure they are open to receive from Him.

- Fr. John Powers

KC BREAKFAST BUFFET

The Dayton Knights of Columbus are hosting a Breakfast Buffet today (Sunday, February 16) serving from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the Church Social Hall. On the menu: French toast, pancakes, grilled pork loin, sausage patties, fried potatoes, scrambled eggs and a variety of beverages. They request a goodwill offering to support charities like Holy Family Catholic Adoption Agency, Options for Women/Cornerstone, and PeaceMaker Foundation. They can accept cash, checks, credit cards or digital payment. Please join the Knights for some good food and fellowship with other parishioners.

LUNCH AND CARDS

Join with fellow parishioners **this Monday, February 17**, in the social hall from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. A light lunch will be served (free will offering appreciated). Cards to follow. Bring a friend; we hope to see you there! Hosted by Angie Haggerty, member of the Evangelization Committee and Parish Council.

DAYTON BLOOD DRIVE

The City of Dayton is hosting a Blood Drive with Memorial Blood Centers on Thursday, February 20 from 2:00 - 6:30 p.m. at the Dayton Activity Center (just down the hill from the Church). You can make a difference in saving lives by donating blood. Click on the QR code to register or visit www.mbcherohub.club/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/75502.



LOST AND FOUND A necklace was found after one of the Christmas Masses. Please call the parish office to claim it.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Blessed are you when people hate you...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man." - Luke 6:22

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

PARISH SUPPORT



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Adult Envelopes (35)	\$ 1,515.00
Plate and Non-Parishioners	369.00
Misc. Contributions (2)	160.00
First Offering (2)	40.00
Automatic Deposits (33)	2,412.00
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 4,496.00
Projected Need	\$ 5,243.00
Received Last Week	4,496.00
Projected Need to Date	173,019.00
Amount Received to Date	183,396.00
Surplus - Last Week	\$ 11,124.00
- This Week	10,377.00



WE REMEMBER

Fr. Jim Remmerswaal, OSC
September 1, 1938 - February 7, 2025

Your prayers are requested for Fr. James "Jim" Remmerswaal, OSC, who passed away recently. Fr. Jim was a member of the Crosier Fathers and Brothers and was ordained to the priesthood in 1965. He served as pastor of our parish from 1998-1999. Quoted from Fr. Jim's obituary notice; "When asked before his 60th jubilee to sum up his amazing life in five words or less, without hesitation he said, "To God be the glory." The Mass of Christian Burial for Fr. Jim will take place at 11 a.m. on February 18 at the Crosier Priory in Onamia with a 10 a.m. vigil and visitation. May Fr. Jim rest in peace and be caught up in the radiant glory of the kingdom of heaven.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

ST. STEPHEN'S ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE - St. Stephen's Church in Anoka will be hosting their Annual Used Book Sale next Saturday, February 22 from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. All books are \$2 each (50¢ for children's books) and \$6 a bag from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Come shop for: fiction, non-fiction, spiritual reading, romance, westerns, cookbooks, or children's books. Thousand of books from which to choose! Proceeds support St. Stephen's Youth Ministries. Clean out your bookshelves. Donated books may be dropped off in the east entrance of the Church (on Jackson St across from the school entrance) from February 16 - 21 during hours of operation. **Please**, no encyclopedias, dictionaries, VHS/cassette tapes, or puzzles.

SAINT ANDREW QUILTERS AND CRAFTERS will host their Seventh Annual Quilt Bingo next Sunday, February 23. The church is located at 566 4th St NW in Elk River. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Please enter Door C. Bag lunch for \$5 is available at noon. Bingo starts at 1:00 p.m. Twenty regular games will be played. Bingo card prices: 1 card - \$15, 2 cards - \$20, 3 cards - \$25. Two specialty games will be played at \$3 per card. There will also be a quilt raffle at \$5 per ticket and a craft sale.

NW DEANERY CCW LENTEN DAY RETREAT- All women of the parish are invited to attend the NW Deanery Lenten CCW Day of Prayer on Thursday, March 13 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, Minnesota. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope." Suggested donation is \$60 per person and includes lunch. Please call Deanery President, Betty Thomes by March 5 at 763.443.9452 or email thomesbetty@gmail.com to make a reservation.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

TLC KIDS - THIS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Our Pre-K through Confirmation age kids will meet again this Wednesday, February 19. We have sessions from 5:30 - 6:30, 6:00 - 7:00 and 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., with the Confirmation class meeting from 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. If your children are unable to attend or if you have any other questions, please email Sarah at sarah.sjbchurch@gmail.com.

TLC FAMILY - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

The last Wednesday of this month is TLC Family Night at St. John's. All families with children are invited to join us from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. where we will talk about making preparations for Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday on Wednesday, March 5. We will not have regular class at 5:30 p.m. and this is not a parent drop kids off event. We have prepared activities to help you and your family grow in your faith this Spring. I hope to see you there!

MUSIC DIRECTOR JOB OPENING

St. John's is seeking to hire a Music Director. Duties include: Planning for the music for weekend and special liturgies, provide accompaniment for the parish music worship program for both weekend liturgies, coordinate the work of the volunteer choir including recruiting, training and support; maintain instruments; and attend monthly Liturgy Committee meetings. Parish music experience preferred. See full position description on our website. Please send Cover letter, resumé and references to: P.O. Box 201, Dayton, MN 55327 or email sjbchurch@yahoo.com.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION

St. John the Baptist Church in New Brighton invites you to their Vatican International Exhibition "The Eucharistic Miracles of the World" on display Thursday, February 20 from 3 - 8 p.m.; Friday, February 21 from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday, February 22 from 2 - 7 p.m.; and Sunday, February 23 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Free admission.

PARISH MISSION SERIES

Everyone is invited to St. Michael Catholic Church for their Parish Mission: Three talks by the "Dynamic Deacon," author and podcaster Deacon Harold Burkesivers, February 16-18 at St. Michael Catholic Church. Deacon Harold will be preaching at all weekend Masses February 15-16, before the start of the mission. The mission evening sessions are as follows:

- Sunday, February 16, 7:15 p.m.: Meeting Jesus in the Beauty & Truth of the Catholic Faith
- Monday, February 17, 7:15 p.m.: Catholic Families: The Model for a Culture of Love & Life
- Tuesday, February 18, 7:15 p.m.: Relationships, Intimacy and Holiness: The theology of the Body (for adults)

These events are free and open to the public.

MARDI GRAS

Question: Carnivale and Mardi Gras celebrations are linked to Ash Wednesday, Lent, fast and abstinence. Can you tell us more about the connections between these events?

Answer: Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the forty days known as Lent. Every year, Christians highlight this penitential season as a time of self-examination, reformation of one's life, and continued development of a deeper spiritual life. The recommended practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving become the focus of Lenten activity and ritual. Each of these spiritual practices is aimed at personal discipline as well as continued concern for the other, especially the poor or alienated.

Forty days is a symbolic biblical period of time, during which personal transformation occurs and out of which people surface as more spiritual, ready to carry out God's mission. Relying on God's providence and care, no matter how difficult life becomes, is crucial to Lenten spirituality. Fasting was initially stricter, permitting only one simple meal a day without meat, fish, or other delicacies. Such things were not even allowed in the house.

In order to prepare for this in an age of no refrigeration, people gathered to consume whatever was not allowed during Lent. This led to parties or celebrations originally referred to as Carnivale, literally meaning "goodbye to meat," or Mardi Gras, literally meaning "Fat Tuesday." The eating and celebrating ended on the Tuesday just before Ash Wednesday. Today we focus more on moderation in all things, as well as a strong concern the poor. What are you doing for the poor this Lent? ©LPi



CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

The 2025 Catholic Services Appeal is in progress. When you give to the Catholic Services Appeal, you partner with fellow Catholics to share Christ's love with neighbors in need through ministries that serve the poor, support life and strengthen the Faith. These ministries include: American Indian Ministry, Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW), Campus & Young Adult Ministry, Catholic Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Catholic Elementary Schools, Catholic High School Scholarships, Deaf Ministry, Elevate Life, Evangelization, Hospital Chaplains, Latino Ministry, Office of Marriage, Family and Youth, Prison Ministry, Seminarian Room and Board, Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Twin Cities, St. Lawrence Newman Center, Venezuelan Mission, and Youth Ministry.

St. John the Baptist's Parish Goal is \$14,532. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to CSAF. Visit love.archspm.org for more information and to donate online or scan the QR code here.

Scan here to donate to the 2025 Catholic Services Appeal



Or visit love.archspm.org

NEW IN THE COMMUNITY? WE WELCOME YOU!

Please call the parish office at 763.428.2828 to register.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 16

- 8:00 a.m. Confessions (till 8:40 a.m.)
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:30 a.m. KC Breakfast Buffet (serving till 11:30 a.m.)
- 9:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, February 17

- President's Day
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch and Cards, Social Hall (till 2:00 p.m.)
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation - The Rescue Project! (till 7:30 p.m.)

Tuesday, February 18

- 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting, Social Hall

Wednesday, February 19

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- TLC Kid's Sessions

Thursday, February 20

- 8:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, February 21

- 7:30 a.m. Confessions
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration (till 7:00 p.m.)

Saturday, February 22

- 4:00 p.m. Confessions (till 4:30 p.m.)
- 4:30 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, February 23

- Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 8:00 a.m. Confessions (till 8:40 a.m.)
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 9:00 a.m. Mass

Have a  good day!



SCRIP NEWS

Scrip is fundraising while you shop. Our program allows St. John's parishioners to purchase gift certificates for every day expenses like food, clothing, gas, and entertainment while earning a percentage of each dollar of SCRIP purchased back in revenue for St. John's. So instead of writing checks at the gas station and the grocery store, you write a check to St. John's and receive gift cards for the merchants you patronize for those items. The certificates are purchased in bulk at a discount and sold at face value.

Planning a winter getaway? Scrip offers pre-order certificates for hotels, airfare, gas stations and franchise restaurants that you find just about anywhere. Plan ahead and purchase Scrip before you leave town and help raise funds for St. John's ministries.

Scrip Sellers for Next Weekend

- Feb. 22 5:00 p.m. Deanna Larsen and Deb Sodman
- 23 9:00 a.m. Benita Lefebvre and Linda McAlpine

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