



CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

FAITH · FAMILY · FRIENDSHIP

March 16, 2025 ♦ Second Sunday of Lent

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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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." - Lk 9:34-35



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/
Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom
4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-
3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord made a covenant with his faithful servant, Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land" (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18).
Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).
Second Reading — We await the Lord Jesus, who will change us to conform with his glorified body (Philippians 3:17 - 4:1).
Gospel — Peter, James, and John witness the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain (Luke 9:28b-36).

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 FOR THE WEEK

17 Mon.	No Mass
18 Tue.	No Mass
19 Wed.	8:00 a.m. No Mass
20 Thu.	8:00 a.m. No Mass
21 Fri.	8:00 a.m. Merlin and Mildred Dahlheimer Family - Living and Deceased
22 Sat.	5:00 p.m. Jim Corrow † (2 year anniv.)
23 Sun.	9:00 a.m. St. John the Baptist Parishioners



LITURGICAL ROLES



Next Weekend - March 22 and 23

5:00 P.M.

Ushers: Stacy Glass
Dawn Kennedy
Reader: Lynn Eggert
Server: Charlie Kennedy
Communion Minister: Cathrine Beauchene

9:00 A.M.

Ushers: Jacob and Bianca Moylan
Reader: Jim Penick
Servers: Danny and Josh Moylan
Communion Minister: Scott Theisen
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. Becky Barder (sister of Ed Barder), 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), Cora Dawsey (granddaughter of Steve and Kelly Slavik), 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), Michelle Tuomisto (Teri Ray's nephew's wife), and Dan and Kritsty Zapf (grandson and granddaughter of Earl and Elaine Schulenburg).



From the Pastor

I know I have referenced this before, but in seminary, one of my favorite textbooks was Jean Corbon's *The Wellspring of Worship*. Fr. Corbon was the main author of the fourth part of the Catechism, On Prayer. *The Wellspring of Worship* is very dense, but it is organized around the event of this weekend's Gospel, the Transfiguration because Fr. Corbon's thesis is that Jesus has come to show us how to unite our humanity to God's divinity - something that is perfectly revealed in the Transfiguration.

If you don't have time to read a French Lebanese Dominican priest's masterwork, I think many of the hymns about the Transfiguration get to his central point: "How good Lord to be here though we may not remain, but since you bid us leave the mount come with us to the plain" - "Transform us as you, transfigured, would not stay within a shrine. Keep us from our great temptation - time and truth we quickly bind. Lead us down these daily pathways where our love is not confined".

The Transfiguration is a reminder to us that God wants to be with us in all that we do. This perfect union that God shows in Christ on Mount Tabor isn't meant to be confined there, but something we are all invited to share in. We are meant to respond to this invitation as completely, perfectly and as generously as the invitation itself is, but if we find that we are held back, Lent is a great time for us to open ourselves more fully to the Lord through prayer and works of penance, so that we may make a return to the Lord.

- Fr. John Powers

GLOBAL SOLIDARITY SUNDAY

Next weekend - March 22 -23

Next weekend, we will observe Global Solidarity Sunday with the theme "*We are ambassadors for Christ appealing through us*" (2 Cor 5:20). This theme is an invitation for all to reach out in solidarity to share God's love, mercy and peace with our brothers and sisters around the world by offering our support during Lent. This appeal supports the pastoral needs of the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Africa, Latin America and humanitarian activities of Catholic Relief Service. There will not be a second collection for this appeal. Please use the envelope included in today's bulletin to make your donation and place it in the regular Sunday offering next weekend. Please be as generous as you are able in sharing God's love for your brothers and sisters around the world. Thank you.

JESUS' PILGRIMAGE TO US HOLY HOUR

Thursday, March 27, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. here at St. John the Baptist. In this time of preparation for our Lord's resurrection at Easter, take some time to prepare your heart and meet Jesus as He pilgrimages to you in the Blessed Sacrament. Sponsored by the Archdiocese as part of the Synod Year II focus to come to know and love our Lord in the Eucharist, join us for this beautiful Holy Hour with prayer and meditation.

CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN UP

We ask that all wreaths and old flowers be removed from St. John the Baptist Cemetery as soon as possible. Beginning April 14, we will begin removing any wreaths and unsightly flowers that remain in the cemetery.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession."
- Genesis 15:7

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses, and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?



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Adult Envelopes (60)	\$ 2,776.00
Plate and Non-Parishioners	712.00
Misc. Contribution	150.00
Automatic Deposits (30)	<u>2,283.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 5,921.00

OFFERTORY • ASH WEDNESDAY

Adult Envelopes ()	\$ 755.00
Plate and Non-Parishioners	<u>308.50</u>
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 1,063.50

Projected Need	\$ 5,243.00
Received Last Week	6,984.00
Projected Need to Date	193,991.00
Amount Received to Date	206,375.00

Surplus - Last Week	\$ 10,643.00
- This Week	12,384.00

Thank you for your generosity!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Fridays of Lent. Please join us for this traditional Lenten Devotion.



SPRING PLANT FUNDRAISER

St John the Baptist is sponsoring a Spring Plant Fundraiser featuring annuals, vegetables and perennials. Order forms are available at the tables located at both exits of the church - be sure to include your name and phone number when ordering. Place your order forms in an envelope along with payment and drop them in the regular Sunday offering basket. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, April 13 for delivery Friday, May 2. Proceeds will benefit our church and its vital ministries.

LUNCH AND CARDS

Join with fellow parishioners on Monday, March 24 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.

EASTER PLANT MEMORIALS

If you would like to have one or more of the Easter plants which adorn the sanctuary area for the Easter season as a memorial for a deceased loved one, please put your name and the name(s) of the one(s) being remembered in an envelope along with \$13.00 for each plant and drop it in the regular Sunday collection basket or mail it to the church. Deadline for memorial requests is April 13.

OLD PALMS COLLECTION

You are invited to bring your old palms to church with you from now until Holy Saturday evening. Please place them in the collection bins located at the entrances of the church. We will burn the palms in the Easter Fire at the Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday.



OPERATION RICE BOWL

Paying it Forward as a Lead Mother in Nigeria - In Nigeria,

over 25 million people are experiencing extreme food insecurity due to climate change, poverty and conflict. Because of violence in their hometown, Amina and her family were forced to flee and start life over again in a new village. Learn how Amina's participation in a Catholic Relief Services program helped her prepare nutritious meals for her family and support other families in her community to overcome the challenges of hunger and malnutrition. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-2 to read this week's Story of Hope. Rice Bowls are available at the exits.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

NO TLC THIS WEEK

Our Faith Formation program follows the District 728 school calendar so we will not have class this week since they are on spring break.

SAVE THE DATE - FRIDAY, APRIL 4

Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m. and Children's Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. The Religious Education Board is hosting a Soup Supper with profits helping those attending Extreme Faith Camp this summer. Please join us before Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 4, for a variety of meatless soups and grilled cheese sandwiches. Dinner served from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Afterward beginning at 7:00 p.m. are Stations of the Cross led by the youth of the parish.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all of you for the cards, kind words, wishes and generosity shown to me for my birthday! Good memories and love for my heart. God Bless.

- Sharon Williams

EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

Masses for Easter this year will be as follows:

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 19	8:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday, April 20	7:00 a.m.
	9:00 a.m.



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.

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 this QR code.



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.

LENTEN READING

Question: Can you recommend some good books for Lenten spiritual reading?

Answer: On more than one occasion, a coach being interviewed about his team--successful or not--will be asked about the next step. The inevitable response includes something about getting back to basics. Reviewing the fundamentals of the sport strengthens performance and builds confidence.

The best Lenten reading takes us back to the fundamentals. If Lent is the time for the Church to be on retreat, then we should focus on the texts that help us deepen our understanding of our faith. Spend time reading one of the Gospels, and use a Scripture commentary to learn all you can about the passion of Jesus. Read about the lives of the saints, especially your patron saint and that of your parish. Perhaps there is some local candidate for sainthood, like Father Walter Ciszek, SJ, who wrote several faith-inspiring books. Finally, you can use the Catechism of the Catholic Church to learn more about the church's teachings and beliefs. The sections on prayer and the Mass are really great reflections. Focusing on the basics really helps us take another step forward in our faith. We have not only a better understanding of what we believe and practice, but also why we believe. With that belief comes the confidence we need to be better, more faithful witnesses to Christ. ©LPi

COMMUNITY EVENTS

2025 MEN'S CONFERENCE: MEN OF CHRIST – STRENGTHENED BY HIS REAL PRESENCE - Saturday, March 22, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Epiphany, Coon Rapids. This year's Catholic Watchmen Conference will begin with Mass with Archbishop Hebda and Bishop Kenney at 8:00 a.m. Dr. Edward Sri will be the keynote speaker. Find more information and registration at archspm.org/2025-mens-conference-men-of-christ-strengthened-by-his-real-presence.

ACCW 92ND CONVENTION: RENEWING YOUR FAITH TRUSTING IN GOD'S DIRECTION - Friday, May 2, 8:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m., St. Michael Catholic Church in St. Michael. Renewing Your Faith Trusting in God's Direction is the theme for this year's Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women's Annual Convention! Expect top-notch presenters, including Kristen, a mental health advocate, Mass with Archbishop Hebda, locally catered banquet and luncheon, the marketplace to shop, Lay Women Winners and Golden Rose Winners and so much more! Find more information and registration at acwarchspm.org/2025-convention.

Have a  good day!

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 16

8:00 a.m. Confessions (till 8:40 a.m.)
8:30 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, March 17

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



Tuesday, March 18

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

Wednesday, March 19

Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

No 8:00 a.m. Mass
No TLC Sessions

Thursday, March 20

Spring Begins
No 8:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, March 21

Day of Abstinence

7:30 a.m. Confessions (till 7:50 a.m.)
8:00 a.m. Mass
8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration (till 7:00 p.m.)
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 22

4:00 p.m. Confessions (till 4:30 p.m.)
4:30 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass
Global Solidarity Special Collection

Sunday, March 23

Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Confessions (till 8:40 a.m.)
8:30 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. Mass
Global Solidarity Special Collection

NEW IN THE COMMUNITY? WE WELCOME YOU!

Please call the parish office at 763.428.2828 to register.



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. The discount becomes the profit for St. John's.

Scrip Sellers for Next Weekend

Mar. 22 5:00 p.m. Rena Hales and Deanna Larsen
23 9:00 a.m. Benita Lefebvre and Lisa Crosby

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Our Saving Light

Bountiful God,
you are our light and our salvation.
Our hearts speak of you,
yearning to see your face!
We ache as we seek your presence.
Hear the sound of our call.
Though we have strayed from you,
guide us back to your bounty;
help us to stand firm in your way.
Grant us the wisdom and courage
to wait for you, who saves.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, March 16, 2025

Listen to Him



Today's readings: Genesis 15:5–12, 17–18; Psalm 27:1, 7–8, 8–9, 13–14; Philippians 3:17–4:1 or 3:20–4:1; Luke 9:28b–36. Some knowledge of ancient treaties is helpful to understand today's Scripture passages. In the reading from Genesis, we hear the Lord make two promises to Abram: an heir and land. To the promise of land, Abram requests a sign from God: "How am I to know that I will possess it [the land]?" God asks Abram to bring him a "three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old she-goat, a three-year old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." Abram does so and proceeds to cut up the animals, which, at the time, was a way of making a treaty. After darkness falls, a smoking fire pot and

a flaming torch, representing God, pass between the cut-up animal pieces: a sign that God and Abram have entered into a covenant.

As we begin the second week of Lent, reflect on your relationship with God. How can you imitate Abraham and put your faith in the Lord? How can you deepen your relationship with God or enter into an understanding of growing faith? Though your answers to these questions likely won't involve three-year-old heifers, goats, rams, turtledoves, or pigeons, try to commit to a tangible and realistic offering you can bring to God. Bring your reflection to your prayers as you spend time in silence, listening to the Lord.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 17 St. Patrick

As a teen, St. Patrick was kidnapped by Irish pirates and treated as a slave. At the time, Ireland was not a Christian land. Turning to God in his captivity, Patrick wrote about his love for God. Around the age of twenty, Patrick escaped and was eventually ordained a priest. He preached and converted many to Christianity in Ireland. St. Patrick is known to have used shamrocks to explain the Trinity. To celebrate St. Patrick, reach out to someone and share three things you love about your faith. *Today's readings: Daniel 9:4b–10; Psalm 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Luke 6:36–38.*

Tuesday, March 18 Preach and Practice

Jesus warns those gathered not to be hypocritical. It is indeed important to practice what we preach and to do so in a non-performative way. We are called to serve others and praise God humbly. Pray about your motivations. Why do you serve others? Do you do so for praise or seats of honor? Ask God for the strength to preach and practice modesty, with your heart set on Christ. *Today's readings: Isaiah 1:10, 16–20; Psalm 50:8–9, 16bc–17, 21 and 23; Matthew 23:1–12.*

Wednesday, March 19 St. Joseph

Scripture portrays St. Joseph's kindness in his unwillingness to expose Mary to shame upon learning of her pregnancy. Instead of denouncing her, Joseph intends to divorce her quietly. Scripture does not reveal Joseph's response to the angel, but we know of his yes to God's call to be Jesus' earthly father. Consider a difficult situation in which you have found yourself. Despite the hurt you may have experienced, what could you have learned from St. Joseph's example? *Today's readings: 2 Samuel 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16; Psalm 89:2–3, 4–5, 27 and 29; Romans 4:13, 16–18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18–21, 24a or Luke 2:41–51a.*

Thursday, March 20 Walk in the Way of the Lord

Jesus tells the Pharisees about a rich man's neglect of Lazarus, a poor, sick man at the rich man's door. After the men die, their fates are a reversal of their earthly reality: the rich man finds himself in "the netherworld, where he was in torment" while Lazarus "was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham." This serves as a jarring reminder that what we do to our neighbors, we do to Christ. Whom have you neglected to serve? How can you reconcile that this week and walk in the way of the Lord? *Today's readings: Jeremiah 17:5–10; Psalm 1:1–2, 3, 4 and 6; Luke 16:19–31.*

Friday, March 21 The Cornerstone

Jesus quotes Psalm 118: "The stone that the builders rejected / has become the cornerstone; / by the Lord has this been done; / it is wonderful in our eyes." The early Church used this psalm as a prophecy of Jesus' resurrection. After reading today's Gospel, turn to Psalm 118. Familiarize yourself with the psalm by reading it once. Read it again, identifying a word or phrase that stands out. Read the psalm a final time, allowing the word or phrase to settle in your heart. *Today's readings: Genesis 37:3–4, 12–13a, 17b–28a; Psalm 105:16–17, 18–19, 20–21; Matthew 21:33–43, 45–46.*

Saturday, March 22 Love for Repentant Sinners

Enter today's Gospel through the practice of Ignatian contemplation. Begin by placing yourself in the presence of God. Ask the Lord for guidance. Read Luke 15:1–3, 11–32. Visualize what you read, paying attention to the details. Place yourself in the scene, and interact with the Gospel. Where do you find yourself? Reflect on what stood out to you from your prayer. Respond to God with a word of gratitude. Close with the sign of the cross. *Today's readings: Micah 7:14–15, 18–20; Psalm 103:1–2, 3–4, 9–10, 11–12; Luke 15:1–3, 11–32.*





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