



CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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June 23, 2024 ♦ The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

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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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THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

They made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called. He asked for a tablet and wrote, "John is his name," and all were amazed. - Lk 1:62-63



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 (1b)/
2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41
Monday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/
Lk 1:57-66, 80
Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4,
10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40/
Mt 7:15-20
Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Mt 7:21-29
Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Mt 8:1-4
Saturday: Acts 12:1-11/34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/
Mt 16:13-19
Next Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 (2a)/2
Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will make you a light to the nations (Isaiah 49:1-6).
Psalm — I praise you for I am wonderfully made (Psalm 139).
Second Reading — John heralded his coming by proclaiming a bap-
tism of repentance (Acts 13:22-26).
Gospel — John is his name (Luke 1:57-66, 80).

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



24 Mon. **No Mass**
25 Tue. **No Mass**
26 Wed. 8:00 a.m. Patrick McNeil † (2 year anniv.)
27 Thu. 8:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory
28 Fri. 8:00 a.m. Merlin and Mildred Dahlheimer
Family - Living and Deceased
29 Sat. 5:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. John the
Baptist
30 Sun. 9:00 a.m. Matt Lee † (17 year anniv.)



Next Weekend - June 29 and 30

5:00 P.M.

Ushers: Dawn Kennedy
Lynn Eggert
Reader: Deb Sodman
Server: Charlie Kennedy
Communion Minister: Mike Gilman

9:00 A.M.

Ushers: Kevin and Benita Lefebvre
Reader: Scott Theisen
Servers: Logan Crosby
Mason Reining
Communion Minister: Emily Wheeler



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS . . .

Bruce Bennett, Jack Bernens, Bena Bourgeois, Marie Corbin, Ken Croteau, Tammie Dahlheimer, Becky Grupa, Donna Rivers Hauan, Bob Huss, Martha Killian, Wayne Lahn, Jane Lenz, Rick Marion, Nikki Miller, Barbara Mulcahy, Phil Novack, Anné Otremba, Viola Plante, Jodi Playle, Chris Rickart, Catherine Schumacher, Rosemary Steer, Jeanne Watson, Billi Jo Weekley, and Sandi Weekley. Thomas James Barder (grand-nephew of Ed and Char Barder), Raymond Bernard (brother-in-law of Joan Playle), Terri and Charlie Carlson (friends of Anné Otremba), Linda Chase (daughter of Jim and Bonnie Haberle), Jeff Chouinard (son of Joanne Chouinard), Tammy Courtright (sister of Sue Harff), Darrell Delles (brother-in-law of Joan Playle), Matt Deal (brother of Robyn Bernens), Julie Corbin Dray (niece of Joan Playle), Mike Gulickson (friend of Marilyn Nordine), Gary Hartman (friend of Kathy Bennett), Matt Hennen (nephew of Kathy Bennett), Wayne Jurmu (father of Barb Carnes), Gregory Killian (son of Martha Killian), Mike (bother-in-law of Kathy Bennett), John Novack (brother of Phil Novack), John and Virginia Resler (friends of Lynn Eggert), Dawn Schmidt (friend of Joanne Chouinard), Dave Stasson (brother-in-law of Lucy McAlpine), Carol Ticky (sister of Mary Dahlheimer), Michelle Tuomisto (Teri Ray's nephew's wife), Hudson Wright (cousin of Kathy Timm), and Dan Zapf (grandson of Earl and Elaine Schulenburg).



Notes from the Pastor

This weekend our parish celebrates the Solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist (technically a day early since the actual feast day is June 24th). There are lot of amazing things about our patron beginning with the fact that we celebrate his birthday - the only other birthdays celebrated on the liturgical calendar are Mary's and our Lord's, but for this article I want to focus on two very non-canonical appearances of John the Baptist.

The first comes from my parents and may have led to their naming me after John the Baptist. As I've mentioned my parents were late but very enthusiastic members of the Jesus movement, and like many members have great love for *Godspell*. In the 1973 film adaptation, John the Baptist kicks off the main part of the musical by singing "Prepare Ye" and baptizing people in the Angel of the Waters fountain in Central Park. Since I was raised on it, I find it rather saccharine, but it is a powerful depiction and reminder that we are called to continue the work of John the Baptist in contemporary times. While Divine Revelation is complete, prophecy isn't over. We are baptized into Christ as priest, prophet, and king and the way we live out the role of prophet is to not only prepare the way for the Lord in our own lives, but to call others to the repentance of John and to follow the Messiah that John points to.

The second is older, much more problematic and comes from Oscar Wilde. In Wilde's *Salome*, as you would expect, John the Baptist makes an appearance, and our titular character supposes that she is in love with him, even though John spends most of the play paraphrasing oracles of ruin from the Old Testament and she can't identify what she loves about him. It's this desire to possess that motivates Salome to go along with her mother and request John's beheading and, spoiling a 140 year old play, drives her mad. The reason I want to include this as my second point of consideration is that as much as I hope and pray that we as a parish becoming enthusiastic imitators of our patron, that we burn with the love of God, we must always make sure that we are proclaiming the Lord, and like Saint John the Baptist, point to the Lamb of God.

- Fr. John Powers

RECTORY OPEN HOUSE TODAY (Sunday, June 23)

Father Powers invites everyone to an Open House at the rectory today following the Sunday morning 9:00 a.m. Mass until 11:00 a.m.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Because of the early bulletin deadline for the upcoming Fourth of July holiday, all bulletin information for the July 7 bulletin must be submitted to the parish office by 9:00 a.m. this Thursday, June 27. Thank you for your understanding.

MUSIC DIRECTOR JOB OPENING

After 50+ years of serving St. John the Baptist Church, Sharon Williams has made the decision to retire from her position as Music Director. Therefore, we are seeking to hire a new 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.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"... Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet."
- Acts 13:25

Stewardship
a way of life

Stewardship is a lifestyle, it's not a program or a process. It's how we are called to live our lives twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week! It challenges us to live "God-centered" lives, not "self-centered" lives. Reflect on your daily activities, do you do them for the glory of God or for the glory of your own name?



PARISH SUPPORT



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Adult Envelopes (50)	\$ 1,877.00
Plate and Non-Parishioners	384.00
Holy Day Offering (2)	40.00
Misc. Contribution	250.00
Automatic Deposits (27)	<u>2,399.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 4,950.00
Projected Need	\$ 4,800.00
Received Last Week	4,950.00
Projected Need to Date	251,775.00
Amount Received to Date	254,334.00
Surplus - Last Week	2,409.00
- This Week	2,559.00

Thank You



PARISH FESTIVAL NEWS

Sunday, August 4

SIGN UP - Thank you to those of you who have signed up to work a shift at the festival!

We need everyone's help to fill the worker shifts. The sign up sheets are located on the table near the vestibule. Sign up is on a first come, first serve basis - so sign up early to get the shift and department that you want.

RAFFLE TICKETS ARE HERE! Please pick up your envelope of Grand Raffle tickets in the vestibule of the church TODAY! Our cash raffle ticket features over \$8,400.00 in prizes this year so don't be apprehensive about asking friends, neighbors, or co-workers to purchase a ticket; most are more than willing to do so.

HELP ADVERTISE - Please pick up copies of our Festival flyer located on the volunteer sign up table and help us advertise our event by posting it in a public location such as on a community bulletin board, work bulletin board, business windows (ask the owner first), etc. Also pass the word to family and friends about the festival and invite them to join us on August 4.

FLEA MARKET - We are collecting items for our flea market. Some ideas: kitchenware, bed and bath, knick knacks, glassware, books, jigsaw puzzles, CDs, DVDs, lawn and garden, gently used baby items, children's toys and games, holiday decorations, etc. Please consider donating your leftovers from a recent garage sale. Small quantities of donations can be dropped off in the social hall anytime. For larger quantities, please call the office to set up a time to drop off. Please note: **NO CLOTHING, CAR SEATS, COMPUTERS, OR TELEVISIONS.**

SILENT AUCTION - We are asking for donations of Theme Baskets as well as other new or very gently used items for this area of the Festival. Also Scrip gift cards in any denomination and for any vendor are welcome. To make a Theme Basket you simply pick a theme such as gardening, camping, barbequing, an ethnic cuisine such as Italian or Asian - and fill a basket with items related to that theme. When bringing in your theme basket, please put a value on it to help us establish a minimum bid and attach a list of the items included to the outside of the basket. Be creative and have fun!!

COUNTRY STORE - This is an area of the Festival for everyone to let your talent shine. We know we have some wonderful bakers and many talented crafts people and gardeners in this parish. Be thinking of what kind of produce, plants, flowers, crafts, etc. that you could donate for our Country Store.

GET A POP - GIVE A POP DRIVE - We are looking for donations of pop for our Children's and Teen's Ring Toss game. Pop in plastic bottles of any size are welcome. Drop off donations in the social hall.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS at St. John's will be July 29, 30 and 31 this year from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Registration forms are available on the Faith Formation bulletin board in the Fr. Guillemette Room (cry room). For questions, contact Sarah Moylan at sarah.sjbchurch@gmail.com.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Next weekend we will take up the annual Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be as generous as you are able for the Peter's Pence collection. **Please note: There will not be a second collection for this appeal.** If you would like to offer your financial support for this effort, please use the envelope included in today's bulletin to make your donation and place it in the regular Sunday offertory next weekend.

AL LANGER MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNEY



The 26th Annual Al Langer Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, August 9 at Daytona Golf Course. This year's tournament is in memory of Jerry McCann. Profits go to St. John the Baptist Cemetery Fund. Registration is at 10:30 a.m. with a Noon shotgun start. \$90 per person which includes green fees, cart, hat and dinner. (Dinner and hat only - \$40.00 - very limited). Buffet and awards immediately following at Daytona Country Club (approx. 5:30 p.m.). Hole sponsorships start at \$200 - families and businesses welcome - most profits come from these sponsorships - a large custom-made sign with your company or group name will appear at the hole you sponsor. Team Captains, please phone team names to Reed McAlpine at 763.238.7292.

SAINT'S QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Occupy your mind with good thoughts, or the enemy will fill it with bad ones."

- St. Thomas Moore (1478-1535), Feast Day June 23

HEALING MASS

Wednesday, June 26 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., St. Paul, Ham Lake. Father Jim Livingston will celebrate a Mass that aims at helping people find healing in whatever areas they may require it, including physical, emotional, or spiritual situations. A time of individual prayer follows. Prayer teams will also be available to pray for specific needs. All are welcome. Learn more at churchofsaint-paul.com/healing-mass.

WHAT POWER LIES IN A NAME?

Have you ever met a "David," "Holly," or "Jack" and said, "They don't look like a David, Holly, or Jack"? Sometimes our name actually adds something to our person. Peculiar people sometimes have peculiar names. Some people of tremendous strength have names that we deem strong as well. Sometimes we give nicknames to people because of some attributes they exhibit.

In the Bible, names mean a lot. Saul changes his name to Paul when he converts. Adam means "man," as in the first man. Eve means "to live" or "to breathe." Elizabeth took great care to name her son John as God commanded, even if other family members did not understand why such a unique name not found in their lineage. It was a unique name for a child who had a unique future of preparing the way for the Messiah.

We have our baptismal names, our surnames, our Confirmation names, and our maiden names. But all disciples of Jesus also bear the same name: Christian. People may wonder what does a David, Holly, or Jack really look like, but they should never wonder what a Christian looks like. Unfortunately, too often those who bear this name don't resemble the characteristics embodied in the name. Simply, a Christian looks like Christ. A Christian acts like Christ. A Christian truly is Christ to a world that seeks to uncover the true meaning of his name.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

COMMUNITY EVENTS

RURAL LIFE SUNDAY CELEBRATION - Sunday, June 23 (today) hosted by Fr. Michael Miller on his farm – "Taste of Heaven" at 12890 70th St W, New Prague. The celebration begins with Sunday Mass at 1:30 p.m. with Bishop Joseph Williams presiding followed by lunch, music, fun activities for children and families, and animals to see. Please join the parishioners from the Churches of St. Patrick and St. Catherine, along with others from throughout the Archdiocese to pray, remember, and celebrate all the good things God has given us in our rural way of life. For more details, including a map and directions, visit archspm.org/events, or call 651.238.2074.

GRIEVING DAWN: A MORNING OF REFLECTION ON MISCARRIAGE, STILLBIRTH AND INFANT LOSS - Saturday, July 13, 8:30-11 a.m., St. Paul, Ham Lake. This morning, led by Dr. Abigail Jorgensen, author of *A Catholic Guide to Miscarriage, Stillbirth, and Infant Loss*, will offer comfort and hope to those who have experienced the profound sorrow of perinatal loss. Whether you are directly affected by loss or supporting someone who is, this event seeks to provide solace and strength through shared faith and understanding. Learn more at churchofsaintpaul.com/grieving-dawn-morning-of-reflection.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, June 23

- 8:00 a.m. Confessions (till 8:40 a.m.)
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- Rectory Open House following Mass

Monday, June 24

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Wednesday, June 26

- 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday, June 27

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 6:00 p.m. Committee Meetings, Social Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting, Social Hall

Friday, June 28

- 7:30 a.m. Confessions (till 7:50 a.m.)
- 8:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday, June 29

- Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul
- 4:00 p.m. Confessions (till 4:30 p.m.)
- 4:30 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Mass
- Peter's Pence Special Collection

Sunday, June 30

- 8:00 a.m. Confessions (till 8:40 a.m.)
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- Peter's Pence Special Collection

NEW IN THE COMMUNITY? WE WELCOME YOU!

If you would like to become a member of our parish family, please call or email the parish office.



SCRIP NEWS

Testimony from Scrip User - Another benefit of Scrip: I was so delighted with the customer service at Cub Foods I wanted to share. A few months ago I used my Scrip gift cards that I had purchased at St. John's. One card was used up and I started the other card. I did not give my purchase a second thought. That was until a few weeks later, again using my Cub Card, I discovered that my Cub Card was used up. That was when I remembered throwing out my used card, but instead of throwing the used card I threw the card with a balance on it. Fortunately, I had my receipts and had used my second card to top off my earlier purchase so Cub Customer Service was able to reissue a new card, with my balance. What was lost was reissued. I will definitely continue using Scrip! - M. McNeil

Scrip Sellers for Next Weekend

- June 29 5:00 p.m. Chrissy Kennedy and Rena Hales
- 30 9:00 a.m. Jim Penick and Lisa Crosby

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