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Mass Schedule  
Saturday Vigil..........................5:00pm  
Sunday.................................8:00am  
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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  

Resurrection Cemetery  
5555 Covington Rd, Shorewood, MN 55331  

Sacrament of Confession  
Tuesdays...............................5:00pm  
Wednesdays, Thursdays.........7:30am  
Fridays...............................8:30am  
Saturdays.........................8:30-9:30am  
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Eucharistic Adoration Chapel  
Open to all, 24 hours per day  

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  

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH  
680 MILL STREET, EXCELSIOR, MN 55331  

October 13, 2019  
{Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time}  

To know, love, serve and share Christ through worship, teaching, stewardship and witness.
St. John’s Knights of Columbus

Your Knights at Work…Who recently assisted a parish widow? Who split several cords of firewood for the Gathering Space? Who assisted our school’s Fish Fry Fundraisers? These are the same men who put on the basketball free-throw competition. Last year our Knights raised $24,000 to support students attending Catholic Schools. We provided two socials for parishioners, and gave financial support to our parish seminarian. We fulfilled our pledge to the Church Building Fund. On the state level, we supported the KC Seminarian Fund and the Life Care Center.

These are just some of the works of charity carried out by St. John’s Knights of Columbus. First and foremost, our Knights support their families, the local Church, and national and international works of charity.

In 2018-19, the Knights nationally gave over $905,000 in college scholarships to 677 students attending Catholic colleges. In Uganda we underwrote a school of 300 students, ages 4-13. One hundred and sixty girls and 60 boys boarded there.

Public records show that internationally the Knights of Columbus gave more than $185 million directly to charities in 2017. They also performed over 75.6 million-man hours of service. According to the Independent Sector Report, that value is more than $1.7 billion. The Knights charitable contributions for the decade ending December 31, 2015 was over $15 billion. Our Knights are dedicated to helping our families, our Church, and needs around the world.

Our local council continues to grow. On September 19th, we initiated three new members. We invite all good men wanting to help out their family, church, and needs around the world to consider joining this unique organization. Beginning in 1882 to support widows and their children, it is now one of the largest charitable organizations in the world. With very little overhead because of a cadre of volunteers, we keep our annual dues at $25.

Presently we are in the middle of raising $15,000 to $20,000 to support parish youth in grades K-12. Our Night In New Orleans, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 26th, will have a full night of great entertainment – jazz, singing, dancing, door prizes, live and silent auctions, games, and above all, great food. Hot and mild Jambalaya, crawfish pie (think quiche) and many other foods will delight the palate. All this for $35, or two tickets for $60. Nowhere will you find this kind of entertainment and food for such an unequaled value. All proceeds go to support our youth. Dinner seating is arranged to make you feel surrounded by friends. Stop by the Gathering Place for sweepstakes and dinner tickets, or go the parish website and click on the K of C logo. See a Knight or call 952-452-6903.

Thanks!
Deacon Gary, Grand Knight
Readings for the week of October 13, 2019

**Sunday:** 2Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1-4/2Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19
**Monday:** Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1-4/Lk 11:29-32
**Tuesday:** Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 11:37-41
**Wednesday:** Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3,6-7,9/Lk 11:42-46
**Thursday:** Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-6/Lk 11:47-54
**Friday:** 2Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-13,17-18/Lk 10:1-9
**Saturday:** Rom 4:13,16-18/Ps 105:6-9,42-43/Lk 12:8-12
**Next Sunday:** Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-8/2Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8

**St. John’s Concert Series**

**Thursday, October 24th 7:00 PM**
Envisioned as an ‘instrument of evangelization,’ this 2019-2020 season will include four concerts featuring nationally and internationally renowned musicians. The mission of this series stems from the truth that music is a gift from God – we want to make known God’s glory by sharing this gift with our community and beyond.

The opening concert, *My Soul Proclaims the Greatness of the Lord*, will be held on Thursday, October 24th at 7:00pm, and will feature works for organ solo, violin & piano, choir, solo voice, saxophone & piano by composers such as Franck, Tournemire, Vaughan Williams, Vitali and more. The featured artists include violinist Marion Judish, pianist Jenya Trubnikava, organist Jacob Benda, and saxophonist David Davis. A reception will follow the concert. This event is free and open to the public.

The 2019-2020 schedule is as follows:
- Thursday, October 24, 2019 7:00 pm
- Friday, December 13, 2019 7:00 pm
- Thursday, January 23, 2020 7:00 pm
- Thursday, May 14, 2020 7:00 pm

**Men Who Pray**

#SaturdaysAreForTheMen

All men are invited to join us in the Gathering Place on Saturday mornings from 6:30am – 8:00am for morning prayer and reflection on the weekly Gospel. No need to RSVP, just show up and feel free to bring a friend! Coffee is provided!

**Faith Direct**
eGiving through Faith Direct is the easiest and most convenient way for St. John the Baptist to receive your weekly offering and other Church support. eGiving through Faith Direct will also save you time while helping St. John the Baptist reduce our expenses.

You can go online to faith.direct/MN855

Thank you for your prayerful support of St. John the Baptist!
PARISH EVENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH
8:00am Mass (Hospitality provided by Knights of Columbus)
10:00am Mass *Children’s Choir (Hospitality provided by Knights of Columbus)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14TH
6:30pm Adult Bible Study (Lower GP)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH
9:15am Adult Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH
No School—MEA Break
No Faith Formation—MEA Break

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17TH
No School—MEA Break
10:00am Knitting Ministry

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18TH
No School—MEA Break

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH
6:30am Men Who Pray
5:00pm Mass
5:00-8:00pm Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Statue
(Mass, rosary, consecration, veneration)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH
8:00am Mass (Hospitality)
10:00am Mass (Hospitality)

LITURGICAL EXPEDITIONS

THE BAPTISMAL FONT
BY DEACON RILEY

It is common among certain sects of Christianity to ask one another, “When did you become a Christian?” The expected answer to this question will often be a date. A specific time in their lives, usually as a teenager or young adult, when they made a conscious decision to give their lives over to Jesus Christ.

For cradle Catholics, this is a perplexing question. Many of us would simply say, “I have always been a Christian” or “I’ve been going to Church for as long as I can remember.” But the reality is, there is a date when we became Christian, and it is the most important date in our lives. It is the date of our baptism. This is when, surrounded by our parents and Godparents, God looked down and repeated the words he said to Jesus himself, “This is my beloved son/daughter.” It is the date when we became adopted children in the Father and began our life of grace.

We are reminded of this glorious occasion every time we enter a church. Just as we began our lives in Christ with water, so too we enter a church. By force of habit, we dip our fingers in the holy water and bless ourselves. This is a calling back to the first time we were accepted into the Church as babies. Again, God reminds us that we are His, that He loves us like a parent loves a child. As we sit in our pew with our family before the Mass starts, remember this promise. That because we are baptized, God will never abandon us.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN’S!

If you are a visitor and would like to become a parishioner here at St. John the Baptist in Excelsior or if you’ve been attending Mass with us for ages but just haven’t ever gotten around to registering, please call the parish office and make an appointment to register to be part of St. John’s wonderful community!

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. October 12 8:00am † Clifford Woida For the Parish
5:00pm

Sun. October 13 8:00am † Janice Peters Scott Lunger
10:00am

Mon. October 14 No Mass

Tue. October 15 5:30pm † † Jeffrey & Dawn Dobszenski

Wed. October 16 8:00am † Mona & Jack Aeshliman

Thurs October 17 8:00am † Evelyn Tollefson

Fri. October 18 9:00am † John Renard

Sat. October 19 8:00am Tom Rosensteel
5:00pm † James Barry

Sun. October 20 8:00am For the Parish
10:00am † Evelyn Tollefson
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.

DATES TO REMEMBER:
No School the following: Friday, October 11th (Parent/Teacher Conferences), October 16-18 (MEA Break)

SCHOOL UPDATE
Elementary and Middle School spent a day at the Heritage Lab across the road from the Wargo Nature Center in Lino Lakes where they got to be hands-on with history in this outdoor historical program. This year's topic was learning about Pioneers and Settlers to Minnesota.

LIVING SAINTS MUSEUM
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST
Our "Saints in the Making" (or commonly called School Children) invite all parishioners to join us on Friday, November 1st immediately following the 9:00 AM Mass in the Gathering Place for the Living Saints Museum. Come hear about the wonderful saints the children have been studying, enjoy a taste of the saints' regional food and experience each others company.

SCHOOL STAFF SPOTLIGHT
Mary Hamiter Toddler Community / Children's House Assistant
Mary Hamiter (Mrs. Mary) grew up in Green Bay, Wisconsin. She attended Saint Norbert College in De Pere, Wisconsin where she majored in French and minored in Spanish. During her junior year, she studied abroad at the Université de Limoges, France on a Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholarship. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Saint Norbert in 1981. Mary continued her study of French language and literature at Fordham University and received her Master's Degree in 1983.

In October of 1985, looking for adventure, Mary joined the United States Navy as a commissioned officer. She served in the Republic of the Philippines and Norfolk, Virginia. During her time in the Navy, Mary travelled extensively to Japan, Thailand, Hong Kong, Singapore, Diego Garcia, Iceland, Bermuda, Puerto Rico, and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. She was awarded two Navy Commendation Medals. It was during this time that Mary met her husband, Todd Hamiter, a native of South Carolina. They were married in April of 1989.

In 1999, Mary and Todd joined The Good Shepherd Catholic Montessori community in Cincinatti, Ohio, when their son, Harry, began kindergarten. Mary, a stay-at-home mom, volunteered for many activities and served on various committees, including the PTO and the Middle School Planning Committee. Mary provided music at the weekly school Mass from fall of 2002 to Spring of 2017 and was the Liturgy Planning Coordinator from the fall of 2007 to Spring of 2017.

In the Fall of 2011, Mary was hired to teach language arts, logic, and Erdkinder at The Good Shepherd Catholic Montessori Middle School while continuing to plan and provide music for Mass. Mary has attended classes at the Cincinnati Montessori Secondary Teacher Education Program. Through her professional work in education, Mary has held 7 through 12 teaching licenses in Wisconsin, Connecticut, and Ohio.

Mary and Todd moved to Minneapolis in June of 2017, and in the Fall of 2017 she joined the St. John the Baptist Catholic Montessori team.
IMPORTANT DATES

**Wednesday, October 16th:** NO Faith Formation (MEA Break)

**Wednesday, October 23rd:** Confirmation Year 1 Meeting; First Reconciliation Lessons 1-4 Due

**Wednesday, October 30th:** Confirmation Year 2 Meeting

GIVING TREE: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Giving Tree will be kicking off the second weekend of November. In order for this important ministry to those in need in our community, many hands are needed. Are you able to help coordinate, organize gifts, or deliver this year? Contact Taylor Gruber for more information!

CALLING all 8th—12th GRADERS!

Join us on **November 2nd** for another Lifeline Event at the NET Center!

FATHER MIKE SCHMITZ will be back again, this time to talk about *The Lesser-Known Last Judgment*. Death, judgment, heaven, and hell—the four last things—are popular enough topics among Christians discussing the end times; but there’s more to these things than just our own personal end.

We will depart from St. John’s at about 4:30pm, and return around 10pm for late night pizza in the GP. Pickup at 11:30pm.

SJB has purchased 20 tickets for St. John’s youth, and they go fast!

Signup at [https://tinyurl.com/sjblifeline](https://tinyurl.com/sjblifeline)

$15 for ticket & transportation.

WORLD-FOAMOUS PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF FATIMA IS COMING TO ST. JOHN’S

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH FROM 5:00—8:00PM**

St. John’s is hosting the world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima on Saturday, October 19th. This historic image of Our Lady of Fatima has been traveling worldwide since 1947, when it set forth from Fatima to bring Our Lady’s message of hope and peace to a world in need.

The statue is making a 22-day tour of parishes and schools in our Archdiocese (October 1—22)

Schedule for Saturday, October 19th:

5:00 pm Mass with the statue present
6:15 pm Talk about Our Lady of Fatima, Rosary, Consecration and Veneration
8:00 pm Statue leaves

Please join us that day to hear the story of Fatima, pray with us and allow Our Lady to bring the graces of Fatima to all who might not ever be able to make a pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal.

If October 19th doesn’t work, check out the arch events page for other dates/locations here:

**The IGNATI ON VOLUNTEER CORPS (IVC)**

IVC is offering an opportunity for semi-retired or retired men and women to share their skills, wisdom and life experience in direct service to those who are poor. In return for a commitment of 1-2 days a week with a local service site, the IVC provides guidance for personal reflection and prayerful conversation with other IVC volunteers monthly. Together, we hope to see God in all things and grow in our faith. For additional information, please call Kathleen Groh at (651) 777-0991 or e-mail kgroh@ivcusa.org. Check out our national website at www.ivcusa.org. The benefits are priceless!

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: THE PRACTICE OF CONTEMPLATIVE PRESENCE**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17TH 6:00—9:00PM BASILICA OF ST MARY**

We will explore how the experience unfolds for both the director and the directee, always connecting ideas and practices to the basic theological assumptions of spiritual direction. Free event. Light refreshments provided.

Registration is required: www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, 320-363-3560 or theologyday@csbsju.edu

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

* Please note that fluctuation in weekly giving is often due to variable timing of annual stewardship gifts.

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**RACHEL’S VINEYARD**

**NOVEMBER 1-3, 2019**

*I called to the Lord in my distress and He answered me*

If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child to abortion, come and experience the healing mercy of Jesus Christ on our weekend retreat. The next Rachel’s Vineyard Twin Cities retreat is November 1-3. For more information, contact Nancy at rachels@rvineyardmn.org or by calling 763-250-9313. Go to www.rvineyardmn.org for more information.

**A DAY OF PILGRIMAGE**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND 8AM-3PM**

**ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH, ELK RIVER**

Dr. Scott Hahn and Jeff Cavins invite you to a day of pilgrimage, exploring the beauty of the discipleship found along the road to Emmaus, offering a unique opportunity to dive into the riches of scripture and to encounter the Word and the Eucharist on Saturday, November 2nd 8AM-3PM at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Elk River, MN. Cost $50. Register at: https://stpaulcenter.com/elkriver or call (740) 264-9535.

**Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors & Altar Servers:**

**October 19th & 20th**

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