Mass Schedule
- Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
- Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am
- Tuesdays: 5:30 pm
- Wednesdays, Thursdays: 8:00 am
- Fridays (School Mass): 9:00 am
- Saturdays: 8:00 am (Holy Days and Holidays—see bulletin or call Parish Office)

Sacrament of Confession
- Tuesdays: 5:00 pm
- Wednesdays, Thursdays: 7:30 am
- Fridays: 8:30 am
- Saturdays: 8:30-9:30 am

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.

Resurrection Cemetery
5555 Covington Rd, Shorewood, MN 55331

To know, love, serve and share Christ through worship, teaching, stewardship and witness.
**Happy Solemnity of Christ the King!**

But what does it mean for Jesus to be a king? When we think of a king, we may think of the kings of the Middle Ages, jealous dictators who would do anything to protect their power. We may also think of the European kings of today, ceremonial figureheads who serve more as a representation of power rather than power itself. But there is one thing that kings and queens of today and of old have in common: They have a kingdom.

In a similar way, Jesus is also a king. He isn't a jealous dictator, nor is he merely symbolic. He certainly has power, but it is a power that is higher than that of mere political governance. Jesus is a king that wants to be an active, personal, and caring part of our lives. A Lord of the Universe that wants nothing more than to be with us in eternity.

*His kingdom is not geographic, but personal. He rules the lives of only those that allow him to.* Those in the earthly “Kingdom of God” are only those of us who desire to be, who freely give our lives--our relationships, actions, occupations, and families--over to the great and powerful king that is Jesus Christ himself. This is his kingdom. **We are his kingdom.**

That is what we as a church are celebrating today, this powerful and magnificent truth. Parents can participate in this powerful reality in a special way with their families. When Pope Pius XI instituted this solemnity in 1925, he made a special point of urging parents to dedicate their families to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. There is a special devotion families can do called, “The Enthronement of the Sacred Heart.” In this way, families can truly acknowledge Jesus as Lord of their lives by literally enthroning him as king! If you want to be a part of the Kingdom of God (and who wouldn’t!), then this is a great devotion to use and share.

What a great day to have as a reminder of our Catholic faith. Jesus is King of our lives, of our world, and of the whole universe! **Through Jesus’ death on the cross and resurrection from the tomb, Jesus reigns over even death itself, what a power to have on our side!**

God bless you,
Deacon Riley

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*Oh dear Sacred Heart of Jesus, I give You my whole heart. I see Your Heart on fire for love of me. I want to be in this fiery furnace and know the love of God. Take me, Jesus. Use me as Your little servant to spread Your love to this world. I give myself entirely to You and I ask the Holy Spirit to make me more like You. I want to be a little child of the Father. I give You my heart, keep me in Your Heart and teach me Your way of love.*

*Amen*
NEEDED: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULER
We are looking for someone to assist in scheduling people to fill hours in the Adoration Chapel. If you are interested in learning more about this important ministry leadership position, please contact Andrea McMerty-Brummer in the church office at 952-474-8868.

OPEN ADORATION HOURS

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PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH
We invite you to keep in your daily prayers the sick and confined of our parish who seek God’s joy in their infirmity, in particular:

- Elvera Hoops
- Betty Roy
- Mary Rosati
- Viviana Wright
- Bill Ashenbach
- Margaret Davis
- Kon Wurm
- Ruth Colnar
- Kathy Bedford
- Steve Haskins

ST. JOHN’S WINTER GALA
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH
Save-the-date for this fun and festive parish party! As you are planning your Black Friday shopping now, please think about picking up an extra item or two to donate to this year’s silent auction! More details to come soon!

ST. JOHN’S CONCERT SERIES PART II
“FROM DARKNESS INTO LIGHT” DR. CHRISTOPHER WELDON
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH 7:00PM
For the second concert in this series, we are proud to present "From Darkness Into Light," with Dr. Christopher Weldon. Dr. Weldon is a Juilliard-trained concert pianist who will perform works by Brahms, Chopin, and Liszt. Please join us on Friday, December 13th! This concert is sponsored by Schmitt Music, featuring one of their Steinway concert grand pianos!

The concert will be followed by a reception where the audience may enjoy refreshments and fellowship and an opportunity to greet the performer.

*All concerts are open to the public with no admission charge. No registration required.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 24, 2019

Sunday: 2Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43
Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52-56/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57-61/Lk 21:5-11
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75-81/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22

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!
PARISH EVENTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH
8:00am  Mass (Hospitality)
10:00am  Mass with Rite of Welcome (Hospitality)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH
7:00pm  RCIA Meeting (Upper GP)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH
9:00am  Thanksgiving Feast (school)
        No Faith Formation Classes
        School dismissed at noon

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH
9:00am  Thanksgiving Day Mass
        Church and school offices closed

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH
        Church and school offices closed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH
6:30am  Men Who Pray
5:00pm  Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST
8:00am  Mass (Hospitality)
10:00am  Mass (Hospitality)

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST GIVING TREE

The gift drive will begin Saturday, November 9th and run until Sunday, December 1st. Like past years, we will be working with Sharing & Caring Hands, People Serving People, Office of Indian Ministries, Catholic Charities, Haven Housing, and Inter-congregation Communities Association (ICA Food Shelf) to make Christmas brighter for children and adults in need. You can grab a star from the tree in the Gathering Place near the front entrance to bring in anything from alarm clocks to Lego sets, and gift cards to towel sets. Please respond with generous hearts to help our local brothers and sisters in need!

For more information, please contact Taylor Gruber at tgruber@stjohns-exelsior.org.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH 9:00AM

Join us on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28th at 9:00am for Mass. Normally Thursday Mass is at 8:00am so please note the time change! We will have a special collection of food items for the ICA Food Shelf so please bring a non-perishable food item.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

During the month of November, the Book of Remembrance is in the back of the church. The Book is offered so that members of St. John’s Parish may write in the names of family members or loved ones who have passed away so that our church family may pray for them.

M A S S  I N T E N T I O N S

Sat.  November 23  8:00am  † Laura Kapsner
       5:00pm  For the Parish

Sun.  November 24  8:00am  † Cy Kerber
       10:00am  † Tom Shipman

Mon.  November 25

Tue.  November 26  5:30pm  † John Renard

Wed.  November 27  8:00am  Fr. Carlson

Thurs.  November 28  9:00am  Thanksgiving

Fri.  November 29  9:00am  † Sylvester Schmieg

Sat.  November 30  8:00am  † Maurice Puype
       5:00pm  Sarah Frazer

Sun.  December 1  8:00am  For the Parish
       10:00am  Elizabeth Fritts
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.

Advent Candles on Sale Now
Back by popular request! Middle School students have made
Advent candles from pure beeswax and are on sale the weekend
of November 23rd & 24th. Funds raised will support their winter
camping trip to the Audubon Center of the North Woods.

Set of 4 Candles: $15
White Christ Candle: $5

*Purchase your candles after Masses this weekend or in the
school office!

Give to the Max 2019 Wrap-up
Thank you for helping us reach our $2,000 goal for our Farm to
School Program! Give to the Max Day was very successful this
year as this is a great start to expand our school garden and use
the produce in our school lunch program. Thank you for your
support!

Thanksgiving Feast
Wednesday, November 27th
You are invited to join in the Thanksgiving Feast on November 27th.
9:00 am: Begin the day by adding what you are thankful for on our "Tree of
Gratitude." Proceed to the classrooms and receive lessons and tours from
the children!
10:30 am: Food will be ready in the cafeteria to enjoy a feast prepared for
you by the children.
All are welcome. Please call the school to RSVP at 952-474-5812 or
school@stjohns-excelsior.org
**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Sunday, November 24th:**
* Rite of Welcome & Acceptance Confirmation
  Year 1, 10:00am Mass

**Wednesday, November 27th:**
* No Faith Formation - Happy Thanksgiving!

**Wednesday, December 4th:**
* First Reconciliation Meditation, 5:45-6:30pm
* Confirmation Year 2 Meets

**Saturday, December 7th:**
* First Reconciliation Retreat, 9:00am—noon

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**Fireside Discussion with Tala**

**Wednesday, December 4th**
**From 6:30—8:00PM**

Join us for a “Fireside” gathering with discussion on the book, *The Gifts of Imperfect Parenting* by Brené Brown on Dec. 4 from 6:30 - 8:00pm. Find the audiobook for purchase online, for free with an Audible trial or at your local library.

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**Garden Patch Gift Certificates on Sale**

Please contact the parish office to buy your gift certificates this year for the Garden Patch! This youth fundraiser is going on now. You can use the gift certificates for trees, wreaths, decorations, etc - anything and everything they have to make your home festive for the holidays! You can also purchase the gift certificates online here: [https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/MN855/27057](https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/MN855/27057) and pick them up in the church office.

*Youth will sell gift certificates after Masses most weekends.*

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**Prayer**

*Prayer is the best weapon we possess.*

*The key that opens the heart of God.*

- Saint Padre Pio

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**Feed My Starving Children**

All 4th - 10th Grade Faith Formation Classes will be serving at Feed My Starving Children on

**December 11 from 5:45—7:30 PM**

Please plan to drop your child off and pick up at FMSC (18732 Lake Dr E, Chanhassen, MN 55317). Parent volunteers will be needed to help pack food that evening. Please watch your emails for more details.
CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: WORKING IN THE MARGINS
This weekend we recognize the vital work of organizations fighting poverty nationally and locally supported by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Urban Roots in St. Paul, MN has been highlighted as the example of a successful, anti-poverty program working with youth that has received grants from CCHD. A collection will be taken to support important community efforts like Urban Roots. Please help provide opportunities for individuals to move out of poverty and be as generous as you are able! Thank you.

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

| COLLECTION(S) AS OF: 11/18/19 |
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| Sunday*                     | $12,751.50                  |
| Plate                       | $977.80                     |
| EFT                         | $6,995.00                   |
|                             | **$20,724.30**              |

YTD INFORMATION (AS OF 11/18/19)

- YTD Budget: $307,992
- YTD Actual: $295,587
- Amount Over/(Under Budget): $(12,405)

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS & ALTAR SERVERS:
NOVEMBER 30TH & DECEMBER 1ST

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WORLD-WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
DECEMBER 7TH-8TH
Give the best early Christmas gift possible! Make plans to attend the December 7-8 Marriage Encounter. You will receive a blessing that gives for generations to come! Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Register at: www.marriages.org for additional information call 651-454-3238.

MASS FOR GOD’S CHILDREN:
LOST BY STILLBORN, MISCARRIAGE OR INFANT DEATH
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2ND 6:30 PM
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH, WACONIA
Have you experienced the loss of a baby before or after birth? Would you like to commemorate and honor your child’s life in a beautiful healing Mass? Whether your loss is recent or was years ago, you and all family members and friends are warmly invited to attend.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Mass for God’s Children: Lost by Stillborn, Miscarriage or Infant Death
Monday, December 2nd 6:30 PM
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