Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am
Tuesdays: 5:30 pm
Wednesdays, Thursdays: 8:00 am
Fridays: 8:30 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
3:30-4:30 pm

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
THE HOLY FAMILY
A Gospel reflection by LPI Publications

“Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you.” 725 kilometers. That’s the distance on modern roads from Bethlehem to Cairo. Assuming one covered 40km a day on foot — ambitious for two young parents and their infant son — the journey would take well over two weeks. Of course, the Holy Family didn’t have modern roads. They would travel through wilderness, fear bandits, run low on water, and cross the vast Sinai Peninsula in a reverse of their forefathers in Exodus. Here, in struggle and sacrifice, are the beginnings of the forging of the Holy Family.

“Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod.” Large Jewish communities existed in most major cities of the ancient Mediterranean world, after the collapse of their kingdoms chronicled in the Old Testament, and Joseph could likely find work as a carpenter. All the same, today’s Gospel reminds us that the first formational years of Jesus as a babe-in-arms were spent in a strange land. The members of the Holy Family were foreigners, outsiders, immigrants.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. God took on our humanity. He is in solidarity with our own trials and difficulties. On the feast of the Holy Family, we honor the special place of the family within society. We are invited, too, to recall those families who share in the struggles of the Holy Family in a particular way. We pray for immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. We pray for all parents who sacrifice their own well-being and comfort so their children may have a better life.

PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY

Dear Lord, bless our family.
Be so kind as to give us the unity, peace, and mutual love that You found in Your own family in the little town of Nazareth.
Saint Joseph, bless the head of our family. Obtain for him the strength, the wisdom, and the prudence he needs to support and direct those under his care.
Mother Mary, bless the mother of our family. Help her to be pure and kind, gentle and self-sacrificing. For the more she resembles you, the better will our family be.
Lord Jesus, bless the children of our family. Help them to be obedient and devoted to their parents. Make them more and more like You. Let them grow, as you did, in wisdom and age and grace before God and man.
Holy Family of Nazareth, make our family and home more and more like Yours, until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with You.
Amen.


**BECOME A KNIGHT**

The Knights of Columbus is a trusted name, tried by time, providing inspiring resources and support for strengthening men’s faith by living a life of virtue.

Knights lead with faith. Knights protect our families. Knights serve those in need.

When the world says men should step aside, the Knights step up.

We are Catholic men. We live by principles informed by faith. We are sons, fathers, husbands, grandfathers and great-grandfathers. Join us on life’s greatest adventure - to discover the man God calls us to be.


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**FLOWER DONATIONS**

Thank you to all those who donated for our Christmas flowers! We remember those in whose memory a donation was made:

**In Memory Of:**
- Dr. Joe & Helen Dupont
- EJ & Monica Fasching
- Leo & Toby Karels
- Jerome & Millie Artmann
- Mary Fasching Peterson
- Amelia & Thomas LoBue
- Anne & James Hagan
- Jack LoBue
- Alphonse LoBue
- Glenda & Jerry Hagan
- Archbishop Serba
- Ann Arnold
- Our Parents
- Dorothy Bedford
- Dorothy Moores
- Grace Bendel
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- Michael Renard
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- Esther Ryan
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- Eileen Koehnan

**In Honor Of:**
- Kathy Bedford
- Margaret Kanuit
- Thomas & Cwiak Families
- Renard Family
- Skortz Family
- Kal & Kari Bedford
- Kal & Kari Bedford
- Keith & Barb Thomas
- Tom & Jeanne Renard
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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

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 29, 2019**

**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6,12-14/ Ps 128:1-5/Col 3:12-21/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

**Monday:** 1Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-10/Lk 2:36-40

**Tuesday:** 1Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2,11-13/Jn 1:1-18

**Wednesday Solemnity:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

**Thursday:** 1Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 1:19-28

**Friday:** 1Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1,3-6/Jn 1:29-34

**Saturday:** 1Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1,7-9/Jn 1:35-42

**Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13/Eph 3:2-3a,5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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**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, December 29th**
- 8:00am Mass (Hospitality)
- 10:00am Mass (Hospitality)

**Monday, December 30th**

**Tuesday, December 31st**
- 5:00pm Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass

**Wednesday, January 1st**
- Church and school offices closed
- 9:00am Solemnity of Mary Mass

**Thursday, January 2nd**

**Friday, January 3rd**

**Saturday, January 4th**
- 6:30am Men Who Pray
- 7:10am First Saturday Devotions
- 5:00pm Mass

**Sunday, January 5th**
- 8:00am Mass (Hospitality)
- 10:00am Mass (Hospitality)

**Have a Very Blessed New Year!**
The church and school offices will be closed on Wednesday, January 1st. St. John’s Catholic Montessori School resumes classes on Monday, January 6th.

**Mass Intentions**

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**Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God**

**On This Holy Day of Obligation, Mass Will Be Offered:**
- Tuesday, December 31st 5:00pm Vigil Mass
- Wednesday, January 1st 9:00am

**First Saturday Devotions at St. John’s**
**Saturday, January 4th at 7:10am**
Please join us at 7:10am for the Rosary and fifteen minutes of quiet meditation on every first Saturday of the month. Our Lady of Fatima used these words regarding the First Saturdays:

“I promise to assist at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for salvation for all those, who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, go to Confession and receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary and keep me company for a quarter of hour while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, with an intention of making reparation to me.”

**Ladies Night Paint & Sip**
**Thursday, January 9th 7-9pm**
Our traditional Pre-Gala women’s event will be held in the Gathering Place. Come ready for a Paint & Sip! Admission is to bring in a gift card or a gift basket for this year’s silent auction! Parishioner and local artist, Ali Benda, will lead our painting instruction! We will provide the canvas, paint, instruction, wine and appetizers. RSVP here https://tinyurl.com/szwb7f7 or by calling the parish office.
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.

Important Dates:
Monday, January 6th: Classes resume
Monday, January 20th: No school - Martin Luther King Day
Sunday, January 26th: Open House & Pancake Breakfast in the school from 9am—12:30pm
January 26th-31st: Catholic Schools Week
Friday, January 31st: Magician Brian Richards in the school gym at 10am

Magician Brian Richards
Friday, January 31st 10am (School Gym)
Get ready to laugh and be amazed! Join magician Brian Richards in the school gym for a little magic to celebrate Catholic Schools Week on Friday, January 31st at 10am. Minnesota magician, Brian Richards has been making family & school events entertaining and educationally significant since 1989. Brian is a person who is truly committed to the community. In addition to helping kids have fun while learning, Brian is also a part-time firefighter in his city. All are welcome to the magic show! Here is a photo from last year’s event.

Open House and Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, January 26th from 9:00am—12:30pm
Join us as we build on the Legacy by Celebrating Catholic Schools Week! Experience the life of a SJB student and see what fun we have every day! (Proceeds go to the Middle School Spring Odyssey Trip and week-long elementary camping trip).
Cost: 6 and under $5, adults $7, family $25

Supporting Children with Exceptionalities in a Montessori Environment
January 17-18, 2020
Presented by Dr. Ann Epstein
Meeting the needs and honoring the strengths of children who are high performing or those with special needs in our Montessori primary classrooms can be both challenging and deeply rewarding. This workshop will provide participants with an understanding of characteristics of frequently occurring special needs including speech and language delays, sensory processing issues, challenging behaviors, and autism spectrum disorders. The workshop will incorporate small group discussions, several hands-on activities, short videos, PowerPoints, and reflective journaling.

*This is a great opportunity for both teachers and parents of advanced students and those with learning disabilities.
Register online www.stjohns-excelsior.org/school
**IMPORTANT DATES**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1ST:** No Faith Formation  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 4TH:** Lifeline @ NET Center  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8TH:** Faith Formation Classes Begin again! Confirmation Year 2 Meets

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**LIFELINE**

**Calling all 8TH—12TH GRADERS!**  
Join us on January 4th for Lifeline’s Men’s & Women’s Session at the NET Center!

KORY LACROIX will speak to the guys about the Battle for the Heart of Man. Freedom for men today has increasingly come to mean detachment from responsibility, authority, and truth. But Christ set us free that we could live in His fierce love, and live the adventure that He has planned for us!

MICHELE VOLK will address the ladies on Freedom and Femininity. There are many voices vying for our attention to tell us who we are. But only one Voice matters—the Voice of our Creator. Who does He say that we are?

Signup at https://tinyurl.com/sjblifeline  
$5 for transpiration.

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**SAVE THE DATE FOR**  
**Vacation Bible School 2020**

**JULY 13 - 17**  
8:45 AM - NOON  
**AGES 4 - 11**

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**SAVE THE DATES FOR**  
**Summer 2020**

**EXTREME FAITH CAMP**  
June 29 - July 3  
**STEUBENVILLE**  
July 24 - 28
THE DEVOTION TO THE 2000 HAIL MARYS
Saturday, January 4th from 7:00am — 5:00pm
(All are welcome to join at anytime during those hours!)
Room 222 at St. Hubert’s (Chanhassen)
Everyone is welcome to join the first Saturday of each month for this ten-hour devotion. Experience the magnificent blessings of our Lord Jesus through the powerful, miraculous 2000 Hail Mary’s prayer and fasting devotion! For more information, please email Maria Peden at mariapeden@gmail.com

ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD
UPCOMING PRAYER AND LISTENING EVENTS
What’s working and what’s not in the Archdiocese? Archbishop Bernard Hebda wants to hear from you! Please prayerfully consider attending an upcoming Prayer and Listening Event, as part of the Pre-Synod Process and make your voice heard. Your input will help guide the Archdiocese over the next 5 – 10 years.
Next three events:
Saturday, Jan. 5th, 1-4pm at Holy Cross (Minneapolis)
Saturday, Jan. 25th, 9am-noon at St. Peter Claver, St. Paul
Tuesday, Jan. 28th, 6-9pm at Pax Christi, Eden Prairie

PRAYER SERVICE FOR LIFE
Wednesday, January 22nd 10:30am
Cathedral of Saint Paul, St. Paul
Please join us for the Annual Prayer Service for Life. This prayer service commemorates the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion’s aftermath. All are invited and welcome.
Immediately following the prayer service, we will walk to the state capitol for the MCCL March for Life rally.
Please consider carpooling or utilizing buses, as parking is limited. For more information, please contact the Office for Marriage, Family and Life at 651-291-4488.

CHURCH OF ST. THERESE 4TH ANNUAL WOMEN’S RETREAT: UNDONE
January 23-25
Please join the women of St. Therese Parish in Deephaven for a dynamic retreat presented by the John Paul II Healing Center, Undone - Freedom for the Feminine Heart. Through a series of talks, teachings and prayer experiences, you will be invited to become undone in God’s presence while deeply receiving the truth of your authentic identity. Registration and information is available on the John Paul Healing Center website under Events, https://jpiihealingcenter.org/events/undone-womens-retreat-deephaven-mn/ Cost: $150. For questions, please email Mary Jo Martin at retreatssttherese@gmail.com or by calling (952) 473-4422.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, lectors & altar servers:
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