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

JANUARY 12TH, 2020
{THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD}

To know, love, serve and share Christ through worship, teaching, stewardship and witness.

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Parish Council Chair: Charlie Kanan

Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil..........................5:00pm
Sunday....................................8:00am
...........................................10:00am
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)

Sacrament of Confession
Tuesdays.................................5:00pm
Wednesdays, Thursdays.........7:30am
Fridays....................................8:30am
Saturdays.........................8:30-9:30am
......................................3:30-4:30pm

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

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’s Winter Gala: Home Sweet Hygge
Saturday, February 8th
To cope with the long, harsh Minnesota winters, we have decided to appreciate the comforts of winter with a St. John’s Winter Gala: Home Sweet Hygge on Saturday, February 8th. The Danish word "Hygge" (pronounced hue-guh) embodies the coziness and comfortable hospitality that creates a feeling of happiness and well-being. That’s why our event will be in the Gathering Place!

What to expect at the Gala:
This is THE social event of the year, so you won’t want to miss out! Instead of a formal sit-down dinner, we will have food stations. We’re providing the opportunity for you to mingle, walk around and visit with fellow guests! We’ll have the fireplace going all evening and will offer plenty of comfort foods and drinks—with a complete coffee bar. *If you don’t get around as much as you used to, don’t worry! We will have plenty of seating. We’re not assigning seats this year, but if you have a need, we will reserve a spot for you at a table!

The silent and live auction are sure to have something for everyone! The O’Sullivan Auctioneers will provide some lively bidding opportunities! This year’s Fund-A-Need will go toward a Parishioner Assistance Fund—for those in extraordinary circumstances.

Why should YOU attend the Gala?
Your parish is your family. St. John’s parish family is here for you in times of celebration and times of struggle. This Parish Gala raises money to support all the ways to make you feel at home here:
• Meaningful and uplifting liturgy
• Beautiful liturgical music
• Small group bible studies
• Saturday morning men’s group
• The Montessori education environment in the school
• Community outreach with ICA Foodshelf, Feed My Starving Children, Giving Tree, SouthWest Options for Women
• Sunday hospitality
• Opportunities to grow in knowledge and faith with the Fr. Dosh Speaker Series
• Encouraging ways to evangelize in our community
• Enriching music to lift up your soul in the St. John’s Concert Series
• Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Faith Formation program
• Youth events like Vacation Bible School, Lifeline, and scholarship funds for summer camps
• Taking communion to the home-bound through BeFrienders ministry
• Adoration Chapel

How do I register?
Fill out a form in the Gathering Place OR go online here: https://sjexcels.ejoinme.org/registration2020. The cost is $50 per ticket. Childcare is available for $5 per child with a family max of $15. Stop by and see us in the Gathering Place after Mass this weekend where we will be selling tickets!

We hope to see you there!
Nathan & Stephanie Keim, Dan & Nikki Sullivan, Chris & Katie Simmer
The Gala Planning Committee

Thank you to our Gala Sponsors:
Mike & Suzi Fannon    Mark & Amy Spaniol    DW Creative    Jean Gray

The St. John’s Gala Sponsorship Program is a remarkable opportunity to show the love and commitment you have for our community. To become a sponsor, go to https://sjexcels.ejoinme.org/sponsor2020
BEHOLD ST. JOHN’S PROGRAM

Thank you to all those who participated in the Behold St. John’s Increased Offertory Program. Our results were encouraging! Based on commitments we’ve received, we should be able to reach our stewardship budget. Almost 41% of the parishioners who gave to the Sunday offertory in the last year made a commitment for the next year. We also had 11 families newly identify themselves as active supporters of our church. Overall, the commitments reflect a 20% increase in the offertory over previous donations from those that responded with a commitment card. Please – it is important that parishioners maintain these commitments throughout the year, so that our church is able to continue its mission.

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

LITURGICAL EXPEDITIONS:
The First Reading

BY DEACON RILEY

When I was growing up, my family had a tradition of reading to us before bed. Myself, along with my brother and sister, would gather in one of our bedrooms while my parents would tell us a story. Sometimes it was a continuation of a Hardy Boys or Nancy Drew book that we had been reading, or sometimes my dad would just tell us a little story that he made up. But my favorite stories were the ones my parents would tell us about experiences they had when they were our age.

When we learn about our parents, we learn something about ourselves as well. Maybe we learn about particular family traditions that we have always taken for granted. Maybe we learn that we have certain personality quirks because our grandparents did as well. As a Catholic Christian family, this is how we are served by the first reading at Mass.

The first reading on Sundays always comes from the Old Testament. They tell the stories that our Jewish brothers and sisters—our parents in the faith—would tell one another about their history and culture. After millennia of generations, those same stories are being passed on to us. From the Old Testament, we learn more about what we mean when we call the Mass a sacrifice, the relationship of the priesthood to the sacraments, and how much we today are influenced by ancient Jewish culture.

As we listen to the first reading at Mass, ask yourself: “What can I learn about myself and my faith from this reading?” In the same way that my parents told me stories about their upbringing helped me make sense of my family experience, these ancient teachings and stories can help us mature and develop our own faith lives.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 12, 2020

Monday: 1Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-19/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1Sm 1:9-20/1Sm 2:1-4,8/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1Sm 3:1-10,19-20/Ps 40:2,5,7-10/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11,14-15,24-25/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1Sm 8:4-7,10-22a/Ps 89:16-19/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1Sm 9:1-4,17-19;10:1a/Ps 21:2-7/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: Is 49:3,5-6/Ps 40:2,4,7-10/1Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

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!
**Concert Series Part III**

**Thursday, January 23rd at 7pm**  
**Organist Dr. Michael Ging**

Michael Ging is a church musician, organist, and entrepreneur. He has performed throughout the US and Mexico. Since being appointed Organist/Choirmaster at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church (Folly Beach, SC) at age fourteen, Dr. Ging has become one of the most active liturgical organists in the United States. Dr. Ging inspires thousands of worshipers each week and plays for over 400 liturgies each year.

Please join us for the St. John’s Concert Series Part III, made possible by the generous donations in the 2019 Gala Fund-A-Need as an ‘instrument of evangelization’ in our community.

If you would like to help with hospitality for this event, we need help with set up, serving cookies & coffee, and clean up. Please sign up online here or call the church office https://tinyurl.com/vna9535

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**Missing Keys**

Subaru keys were found near the statue of Mary and are in the church office.

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**Mass Intentions**

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**Free Strata Breakfast**

**Sunday, January 19th after the 8am & 10am Masses**

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Free Breakfast in place of the regular hospitality on January 19th. This breakfast will be after the 8 and 10 AM Masses. Any Free-Will Offering given that day will be donated to the State K of C Fund supporting seminarians and those entering religious life. Please join us for a great, free breakfast!

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**Men’s Basketball**

Calling all men who would like a weekly opportunity for fellowship and sport. Join St. Therese and St. John’s men on Monday nights from 7:00-8:30pm in the school gym for a friendly pick up game of basketball. All are welcome! For questions and registration, contact Paul Schrupp at paul.l.schrupp@gmail.com
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:
Friday, January 17th-Saturday, January 18th: Workshop at SJB school—Supporting Children with Exceptionalities
Monday, January 20th: No school - Martin Luther King Day
Sunday, January 26th: Open House & Pancake Breakfast in the school gym from 9am—12:00pm
January 26th-31st: Catholic Schools Week
Friday, January 31st: Magician Brian Richards in the school gym at 10am

SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH EXCEPTIONALITIES IN A MONTESSORI ENVIRONMENT
PRESENTED BY DR. ANN EPSTEIN, JANUARY 17-18, 2020

OPTIONS TO REGISTER FOR ENTIRE WORKSHOP OR PART CAN BE FOUND ONLINE WWW.STJOHNS-EXCELSIOR.ORG/SCHOOL

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 differences. Register online www.stjohns-excelsior.org/school

OPEN HOUSE AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH FROM 9:00AM—12:00PM
SCHOOL GYM
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

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.
**Important Dates**

**Wednesday, January 15th:** Faith Formation classes, Confirmation Year 1 Meets (Sponsor Info Sheets due)

**Tuesday, January 21st:** First Communion Kickoff Meeting in the Gathering Place at 7:00 PM

**Wednesday, January 22nd:** Faith Formation classes, Confirmation Year 2 Meets

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**Opportunity for Parents:**

**Raising Digital Natives**

**Wednesday, January 15th 6:30-8:00PM**

**Gathering Place**

In a world where the internet permeates our lives, how do we keep our children from being too connected or not connected enough?

Join us for a discussion about raising children in the digital world. Together we will watch a TED Talk featuring DR. DEVORAH HEITNER, an expert on young people’s relationship with digital media and technology. Following the talk we will discuss how to help our children thrive in a world of digital connectedness.

“WHEN IT COMES TO YOUR CHILDREN’S TECH USE, DON’T JUST MONITOR—MENTOR!”

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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

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Archdiocesan Synod Prayer and Listening Events

What's working and what's not in the Archdiocese? Archbishop Hebda wants to hear from you! Please prayerfully consider attending an upcoming Prayer and Listening, event as one of the Pre-Synod Process and make your voice heard. Everyone is invited and Archbishop Bernard Hebda is scheduled to attend all events. Your input will help guide the Archdiocese over the next 5 – 10 years. The following are the next events scheduled:

SAT, JAN 25, 9 AM—NOON ST. PETER CLAVER, ST. PAUL
TUES, JAN 28, 6 – 9 PM PAX CHRISTI, EDEN PRAIRIE
SAT, FEB 1, 9 AM– NOON ST. STEPHEN, MINNEAPOLIS

If you are interested in attending one of these events and need transportation, please contact Nancy Giacchetti at 952-607-7233 or nancy.giacchetti@partnersinsynq.com. The SJB Ambassadors will make every effort to help you.

Stewardship Update

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

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Collection(s) as of: 1/6/20

| SOLEMNITY OF MARY | $1,588.33 |
| SUNDAY*           | $11,824.00 |
| PLATE             | $1,243.60  |
|                   | $14,655.93 |

YTD Information (as of 12/30/19)

- YTD Budget: $443,614
- YTD Actual: $429,154
- Amount Over/(Under Budget): ($14,460)

YTD Information (as of 1/6/20)

- YTD Budget: $462,314
- YTD Actual: $443,810
- Amount Over/(Under Budget): ($18,504)

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors & Altar Servers:

January 18th & 19th

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Learn more about the Synod following this weekend’s Mass at St. John’s. A table will be hosted by SJB Synod Ambassadors to provide information and answer your questions.

Pre-Synod Prayer for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

Come Holy Spirit
Make our ears to hear
Make our eyes to see
Make our mouths to speak
Make our hearts to seek
Make our hands to reach out
And touch the world with your love
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