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 the Baptist Catholic Montessori School

Happy Catholic Schools Week! I was asked to share about our very own Catholic School and while I could fill the page with data that states that Catholic school students nationally score higher on achievement tests, or that graduates of Catholic Schools are less likely to divorce and that they statistically have a 99.3% high school graduation rate, I’ve decided to share an experience I had recently in one of our classrooms.

To begin, it is a true challenge to capture the beauty of what happens within our faith-filled, multi-age classrooms, where children are free to work at their own pace, learn from each other, and challenge themselves to go deeper into a topic or simply work to understand concepts more abstractly.

I was in one of our classrooms recently and observed two students, three years apart (one in 1st grade and one in 3rd grade), working on a research writing project together (both writing in cursive). The conversation I overheard brought to mind how what I was observing momentarily captured the daily happenings within the school.

**Older student (OS):** “A proper noun is one of a kind. So the country ‘Brazil’ is one of a kind and it is a proper noun and capitalized, but the word ‘country’ isn’t because ‘country’ isn’t one of a kind.”

**Younger student (YS):** “Oh-h-h-h (understanding dawning)! I need to capitalize the name of the dinosaur because it is one of a kind.”

OS: “Yes!”

Students proceeded to continue with their writing.

OS: “Do you know what is so awesome?” (This student was pondering something he had read.)

YS: “What?”

OS: “Isn’t it SO COOL that monks gets to live in a cabin in the woods all by themselves?! It would be a lot of work, but how cool would that be?!" (Spoken with such great enthusiasm in his voice that it brought the attention of a couple other children. They proceeded to share what kind of work would be needed to survive.)

**Another student:** “It’s kind of like living like the early humans.”

YS: “Only after there was sin. In the garden there was no work.”

OS: “You have to first listen to God telling you to be a Monk...you can’t just want to do it or it won’t work out.”

All students agreed.

OS: “We better get back to this research!” (Other students agreed and went back to work.)

OS working again with only the YS: “When you spell that word, you need an apostrophe. That is like a comma but at the top of the word.”

As I listened to their conversation, I couldn’t help but think, “Where else could children be given the freedom to work on dinosaur research and discuss vocational discernment at the same time!?” We are blessed!

To end, I will share a few thoughts from some parents:

“St John’s is dedicated to making this school authentically Catholic but authentically Montessori as well; which you can’t get a better education than that!”

“We love how our son is gently held to a high standard at SJB both in his behavior and in his academics. His academic work is tailored and paced to him individually, so he can advance in the areas where he excels and take extra time in the areas where he needs more work. School has been a positive experience for our son because SJB manages to be academically rigorous without taking the joy out of learning. We love how children receive the big picture of how all the different academic subjects fit together; it really sparks curiosity!”

“We chose SJB because of its commitment to the Montessori Method and it’s strong Catholic foundation. Its dedication to developing children both academically and spiritually is remarkable. We saw such profound changes in our daughters over the past 9 months - interest in a sincere connection with the Lord, growing confidence in completing tasks and working through challenges independently, increased kindness and compassion with others, and excitement about learning and working every day.”

Thank you for making our school possible through your prayers and monetary support. Most importantly, thank you for being a part of the mission of the Church: The sanctification and salvation of souls for Christ.

Blessings,

Angela Wroblewski, Principal
ANNOUNCEMENT FROM TAYLOR GRUBER

After much prayer, I have discerned that this will be my last school year as Director of Faith Formation. I am grateful for the opportunity to have worked in such a vibrant and faith-filled parish. The relationships I have built with families, youth, and the staff of this community will continue to be a blessing in my life. I will do my best to ensure a smooth transition and prepare for the next faith formation year. I will always be grateful for my time at St. John the Baptist! ~ Taylor

We are so sad to see Taylor go, but we wish her all of the very best!

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
- Mary Rosati
- Viviana Wright
- Bill Ashenbach
- Margaret Davis

- Kon Wurm
- Ruth Colnar
- Kathy Bedford
- Steve Haskins
- Diane Martinka

THANK YOU!

Thanksgiving and praise to God and to all of you “prayer warriors” who have been praying for me. My oncologist said I am in remission, however, I must continue on medication for leukemia. Please keep praying. God is listening! With Deepest Thanks ~ Bill Ashenbach

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 26, 2020

Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1,4,13-14/1Cor 1:10-13,17/Mt 4:12-23
Monday: 2Sm 5:1-7,10/Ps 89:20-22,25-26/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: 2Sm 6:12b-15,17-19/Ps 24:7-10/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89: 4-5,27-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2Sm 7:18-19,24-29/Ps 132:1-5,11-14/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2Sm 11:1-4a,5-10a,13-17/Ps 51:3-7,10-11/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2Sm 12:1-7a,10-17/Ps 51:12-17/Mk 4:35-41

ST. JOHN’S WINTER GALA 2020

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

6:00PM – 11:00PM

The annual Parish Gala is our largest fundraiser of the year and supports all parish ministries. There are many ways to participate!

1) Register to attend. Tickets are $50 each and include wonderful comfort foods, warmth by the fireplace, great fellowship with your parish family, both silent & live auctions, and a lot of fun!

2) Make a donation to our Fund-A-Need. All of your generous gifts go toward providing for our parish family. This year’s Fund-A-Need will support a Community Assistance Fund so that we can better assist those in extraordinary circumstances. You can make a donation online (under Fund-A-Need on the registration page) or you can drop your donation in the collection basket with a note in the memo.

3) Become a Remote Bidder. If you cannot attend this year’s event, register online to become a Remote Bidder. That way, you can bid on some of our amazing silent auction items from the convenience of your smart phone or computer!

Registration, Sponsorship, and Donation Opportunities can be found online here: https://sjsxexcels.ejoinme.org/parishgala2020
Or pick up a form in the Gathering Place

ST. JOHN’S WINTER GALA MENU

- Chicken Pot Pies
- Slow Roasted Beef Brisket Sliders
- Fillets of Atlantic Salmon with Dill and Caper Sauce
- Roasted Vegetable Skewers
- Pumpkin Squash Soup with Curry and Cumin
- Brie in Pastry with Lingonberry Sauce with Crackers
- Quad Ghirardelli Chocolate Wedges with Drizzle of White Chocolate
- Cheesecake Squares
- Caramelized Bananas with Rum and Banana Liqueur over Ice Cream
- Full Coffee Bar
- Beer and Wine
Parish Events

Sunday, January 26th
8:00am Mass
9:00am-12:00pm Pancake Breakfast & Open House (School Gym)
10:00am Mass

Monday, January 27th
7:00pm Men’s Basketball (School Gym)

Tuesday, January 28th
7:00pm RCIA Meeting
7:00pm Finance Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 29th
Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, January 30th

Friday, January 31st
10:00am Magician in the School—Finale of Catholic Schools Week

Saturday, February 1st
6:30am Men Who Pray
7:10am First Saturday Devotions
5:00pm Mass

Sunday, February 2nd
8:00am Mass (Hospitality)
10:00am Mass (Hospitality)

St. John’s to Participate in Synod Survey
As part of the Archdiocesan Synod Process, St. John’s will be participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute. This is at no cost to our parish!

What: a 10-15 minute online survey (paper also available) asks you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enables you to provide feedback on our parish’s efforts to help you grow.

Why: This information will be valuable to Archbishop Hebda, Fr. Carlson, and our parish as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be.

When: February 1 – March 1, 2020

How: The survey can be accessed via smartphone, tablet or computer at www.disciplemakerindex.com

Results: We will share what we have learned when the results are received this Spring.

Confidential: All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about our community as a whole.

Please help us get the highest response rate possible!

If you don’t use a smartphone, tablet or computer - there will be opportunities to complete the survey after daily and Sunday Mass. You can also obtain a paper copy by contacting Sarah Reid, please email sreid@stjohns-excelior.org or call the parish office at 952-474-8868, ext. 208. Thank you for helping with this important project!

First Saturday Devotions at St. John’s
Saturday, February 1st 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.

Thank you!
The Knights of Columbus are very grateful for the many parishioners who celebrated with us at our Student Grant Fund Strata Breakfast. $550 came in from donations. Half goes to St. John’s Catholic School Odyssey and Camping Trips and half to the Religious/Seminarian State KC Fund. We are also very grateful for the new men who have come forward to join us in our charitable works here at St. John’s.

Sincerely,
Your St. John’s Knights

Mass Intentions

Sat. January 25 8:00am Carol Culhane
5:00pm † Don Woodley

Sun. January 26 8:00am For the Parish
10:00am † Mary Lou Wong

Mon. January 27 No Mass

Tue. January 28 5:30pm † Don Woodley

Wed. January 29 8:00am † Bill Anderson

Thurs. January 30 8:00am Carol Culhane

Fri. January 31 9:00am † † Joseph & Eileen Boyer

Sat. February 1 8:00am Dewey & Linda Totty
5:00pm Tom & Jeanine Renard

Sun. February 2 8:00am Tom Rosensteel
10:00am For the Parish
**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:**

- **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
- **Tuesday, February 18th:** Financial Aid Application Deadline for Grades K-8

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**Open House and Pancake Breakfast**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH FROM 9:00AM—12:00PM**

**IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SJB KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**IN THE 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, ages 7 and above $7, family $25

The Middle School Coffee House will be selling specialty coffee drinks and there will be a scavenger hunt for the kids!

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**Aim Higher Foundation Scholarships Available**

The deadline to apply for the $1,000 scholarships to help you pay for your child’s Catholic school tuition is February 18, 2020. Visit [https://aimhigherfoundation.org/scholarships](https://aimhigherfoundation.org/scholarships) to learn more!

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**Camping Trip Enrichment**

The upper elementary and middle school took a week-long winter camping trip in the North Woods. Here are a few pictures of their adventures.
**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Wednesday, January 29th:** Faith Formation classes, Confirmation Year 1 Meets

**Wednesday, February 5th:** Faith Formation classes, Confirmation Year 2 Meets

*Summer 2020 Registration open online at: [www.stjohns-excelsior.org/parish/Faith-Formation/Summer-2020](http://www.stjohns-excelsior.org/parish/Faith-Formation/Summer-2020)*

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**Is God Calling You?**

**Mass with Archbishop Bernard Hebda**
**Evening Program with Fr. David Blume**

**Saturday, February 1, 2020**

What will you do with your life? What are your plans, dreams and goals? Do you know that God has a wonderful plan for your life – *a future full of hope* (Jer. 29:11)? Do you know that the Lord Jesus is calling each one of us to follow Him in becoming holy and living our Catholic faith out loud.

Are you open to asking the question that is seldom uttered in our busy world, “Lord, how are You calling me to follow You?” There will be special breakout sessions for the young ladies and young men.

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

$5 for transportation

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**BIBLE STUDY**

Join us this spring for a Bible Study on Mary! Who is Mary? Why is she so important to Catholics? And why have so many people been devoted to her over the centuries?

Featuring the insightful biblical teaching of Dr. Brant Pitre, this study examines what Scripture, the life of Christ, and the early Church fathers reveal about Mary. By closely examining the connections between the Old and New Testaments, Dr. Pitre presents clear and easily understood explanations about the life and identity of Mary, the Mother of God.

**Mondays at 6:30 PM,** February 17 – March 23
**Tuesday at 9:15 AM,** February 18 – March 24

Other: Let us know your availability or form your own group!

Registration Form can be found online here [www.stjohns-excelsior.org/parish/Faith-Formation/Adult-Formation](http://www.stjohns-excelsior.org/parish/Faith-Formation/Adult-Formation) or in the Parish Office. Registration Fee is $15.00. Due February 7.
WINE: WOMEN IN THE NEW EVANGELIZATION
2020 WOMEN’S CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND 8AM-3:30PM (OPTIONAL FRIDAY EVENING GATHERING)
OUR LADY OF GRACE IN EDINA
WINE is holding their 6th annual conference “Arise, the King is Calling Your Name.” Archbishop Hebda will celebrate Mass. Speakers include: Dr. Mary Healy, Dr. Carol Razza, music by “His Own.” Conference will include opportunities for confession, adoration, shopping, prayer teams, door prizes and chocolate. Cost (Before February 1st) is $100 for Friday & Saturday or $55 for Saturday only. You may register at www.WINEconference.org.

THE DEVOTION TO THE 2000 HAIL MARYS
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST 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!

HOUSE MOTHER NEEDED
The Stillwater Catholic Worker community is seeking a house mother for Peace House, a transitional shelter for mothers and children needing a safe, nurturing, peaceful environment to address the challenges they are facing. This person should be supportive, loving and have a strong desire to help others. The position includes room and board and the opportunity for outside employment during the day. If you are interested contact Diane Lajoie. 651-430-3338

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors & Altar Servers:
February 1st & 2nd

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