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

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
(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.

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

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel
Open to all, 24 hours per day

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.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church & Montessori School
#SJBExcelsior
Montessori Education Week
By Angela Wroblewski ~ Principal

This weekend we are honored in Minnesota to have a week dedicated to celebrating Montessori Education. After celebrating Catholic Schools Week, we are very excited to celebrate Montessori Education Week as well!

Montessori Education is hard to describe in a single paragraph; however, I will summarize it by saying that the classroom is founded on two truths: That the child must be respected and that children can spontaneously love learning. These founding truths, along with careful observation, form a child-centered method that Dr. Montessori called an “Education for Life.” Its goal is to develop the whole human being - emotionally, physically, intellectually and spiritually - towards the nurturing of peaceful, caring citizens.

The prepared environment within each classroom honors the child with beauty and order, both essential for him to work at his natural, individual and optimal level. The materials used on a daily basis show the child how every aspect of learning is connected and intertwined. The Montessori teacher, or Guide as we call them, guides the child without interfering in her natural ability to teach herself, and become an independent, contributing member within the plan of God.

St. John’s is extremely fortunate to have both the Montessori Method and the Catholic viewpoint merge in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an approach to the religious formation of children ages 3 to 12. It originated in 1954 through the work of Dr. Sofia Cavalletti, a Biblical scholar trained in Catholic theology, and Gianna Gobbi, a Montessori educator. Since 1999, St. John the Baptist has had this unique faith formation program which uses Montessori teaching principles to present the most essential realities of the Catholic faith to even very young children. Specially designed materials and inspiring presentations help children explore areas of faith formation appropriate to their developmental age. Scripture and liturgy form the foundation for the Catechesis which has as its aim the development of each child’s relationship with the Good Shepherd. As the child grows, this relationship of love becomes the basis for living a moral life and for finding one’s particular place within God’s Plan.

Underlying the entire catechesis are the following principles:
- God and the child have a relationship that catechists seek to serve with reverence and respect.
- The child is capable of perceiving the greatest realities of faith and must be given time and space to discover, enjoy, and ponder over these deep truths.
- The catechist is a servant of a message that is not his or her own and, together with the child, humbly listens to God’s word in Scripture and ponders His action in liturgy.
- Prayer, contemplation, silence, and joy are natural components of the child’s religious life which must be both prepared for and honored when they arise.

The Atrium is offered to the children at St. John the Baptist Catholic Montessori School as well as through the Faith Formation program. The Atrium has a ‘retreat center’ atmosphere and is a place where children experience the joy of falling in love with God and journeying with Him.

We invite you to visit this beautiful spiritual environment for children. St. John the Baptist Catholic Montessori School and Church is the only school in the West Metro and one of just a handful of schools nationwide that completely integrates Montessori education with the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

Schedule your tour today and see the beauty of what the community at SJB has created and continues to offer. To schedule an observation, please contact the school office at (952)474-5812.
A NOTE FROM SEMINARIAN JOSEPH NGUYEN

Hello St. John the Baptist! It is a pleasure to be with you all again this weekend. My name is Joseph Nguyen and I am studying to be a priest. Formation for the priesthood is broken down into four dimensions; the human, the spiritual, the intellectual, and the pastoral. This upcoming summer, I have the opportunity to attend the Institute for Priestly Formation (IPF) which focuses on the spiritual dimension. IPF is a nine-week spirituality program where seminarians from around the USA gather for an eight-day silent retreat and classes on priestly life, celibacy, and prayer.

To make this opportunity possible, I need to raise $10,000 to cover the cost of the program. If you are able to support me monetarily, then you may donate through this website, www.classy.org/fundraiser/2537322 or you may write a check out to Saint Paul Seminary and drop it off at the parish office.

Above all, please pray for me that I may become a good and holy priest. I had the opportunity this past January to meet many good priests from this local Archdiocese, and I have big shoes to fill.

Thank you again for all your support and I look forward to being with you all again.

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

SYNOD SURVEY

Thank you to everyone who has already completed their Synod survey! If you have not yet, please go to www.disciplemakerindex.com to take the 10-15 minute survey reflecting on your own spiritual growth and provide feedback on our parish’s effort to help you grow.

We would love 100% participation by all parishioners!

This survey is conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute as part of the Archdiocesan Synod Process and is no cost to our parish.

If you don’t use a smartphone, tablet or computer - please pick up a survey in the Gathering Place. You can also obtain a paper copy by contacting Sarah Reid, please email sreid@stjohns-excelsior.org or call the parish office at 952-474-8868, ext. 208. Thank you for helping with this important project!

2ND ANNUAL KC’S 500 CARD TOURNAMENT

THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH

Doors open at 5:30. Pulled Pork and fixings, beverages, desert and then to the tables. The entry fee is $5. Proceeds benefit the Knights of Columbus Seminarian Fund. Top and lowest scores are winners. New partner every round. Door prizes throughout the evening. Reserve your spot by registering after Mass or calling/emailing, George Hidding, 952-443-3858, mckiefur@mediacombb.net or Mike Determan, 952-470-0730, mikedeterman@mchsi.com. Leave the name of each person coming, a phone # and say, “500 Registration.”

GEORGE WEIGEL

EVANGELIZATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY

TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH FROM 6:00-9:00PM

As part of St. John’s Fr. Dosh Speaker Series, we welcome George Weigel, Distinguished Senior Fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center. He is a Catholic theologian and one of the most acclaimed speakers and authors in the Catholic Church today.

Schedule of events:

6:00-7:00pm Reception with St. Patricks’ Day-themed appetizers in the Gathering Place
7:00-8:00pm Speaker presentation in the Church
8:00-8:30pm Adoration in the Church (Confessions available)
8:30-9:00pm Fellowship and Q & A in the Gathering Place

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23, 2020

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2,17-18/Ps 103:1-4,8,10,12-13/1Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48
Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8-10,15/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-11,23/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-6,12-14,17/2Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6,16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-4,6/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-6,18-19/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-6/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9;3:1-7/Ps 51:3-6,12-13,17/Rom 5:12-19/Mt 4:1-11
PARISH EVENTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

Confirmation Retreat
8:00am  Mass (Hospitality)
9:00am  Informational Meeting for the Altar & Rosary Society (Sacred Heart Library)
10:00am Mass (Hospitality)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

6:30pm  Adult Bible Study (Lower Gathering Place Rm 1)
7:00pm  Men's Basketball (School Gym)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

9:15am  Adult Bible Study (Lower Gathering Place Rm 1)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

Faith Formation Families attend Ash Wednesday Mass at 7pm
8:00am  Ash Wednesday Mass
7:00pm  Ash Wednesday Mass

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

2:30pm  Living Stations of the Cross in the School
         (Every Friday in Lent)
5:30pm  Stations of the Cross followed by Adoration
         (Every Friday in Lent)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH

8:45am  Women's Lenten Morning of Reflection
6:30am  Men Who Pray
5:00pm  Mass

SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST

8:00am  Mass (Hospitality)
10:00am Mass (Hospitality)

MASS INTENTIONS

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ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

FEBRUARY 26TH 8:00AM & 7:00PM

Ash Wednesday is observed by fasting, repentance, and abstinence from meat for ages 14 and above. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Roman Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 (whose health enables them to do so) are permitted to consume one full meal, along with two smaller meals, which together should not equal the full meal.

WOMEN’S LENTEN MORNING OF REFLECTION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH 8:45AM-1:00PM

HERE AT ST. JOHN’S

We are honored to once again host the West Deanery Council of Catholic Women’s Lenten Retreat at St. John’s! Join other women to reflect on living courageously with grace and mercy in difficult times. Fr. James Kubicki from Relevant Radio will lead this retreat. Registration is $20 per person and you may register by calling Mary Jo Sherwood at 612-669-0450 or online: http://bit.ly/MorningofReflection

ADULT CHOIR RETURNS FOR LENT AND EASTER SEASONS

Please join us for the spring choir season! Invite a friend! The Lent, Holy Week and Easter Season choirs will be accompanied and directed by Peggy Dahl-Bartunek. No prior experience required. Come and share your joy through music. Questions, contact the Parish Office at 952-474-8868 or stjohns@stjohns-excelsior.org.

March Schedule for Rehearsals:
Tuesday, March 3
Wednesday, March 18
Wednesday, March 25

Masses in March:
Sunday, March 8, 10:00am Mass
Sunday, March 22, 10:00am Mass
Sunday, March 29, 10:00am Mass

Full schedule through May can be found online here: www.stjohns-excelsior.org/parish/Parish-Life/Ministry-Schedules
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:
February 23rd-29th: Montessori Education Week
Wednesday, February 26th: School late start at 9:00am. Families may attend Ash Wednesday Mass at 8:00am
Friday, March 6th: No School for Parent/Teacher Conferences
Friday, March 13th: Fish Fry in the School Gym from 4:30-7:00pm

ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY
FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH 4:30-7:00PM IN THE SCHOOL GYM
Save-the-date for our Lenten Fish Fry. This is a Middle School Spring Odyssey Trip Fundraiser. Enjoy a menu of Beer-Battered Atlantic Cod - Roasted Vegetables - Garden Green Salad - Meatless Baked Beans - Fresh Vegetables. *Gluten-Free Fish also available *Take-out available. We are pre-selling tickets online here: https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/MN855
Prices: Adult (12+): $12 Senior (65+): $10 Child (3-12yrs): $8 2 and under: FREE Family max: $50

WHAT IS MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY?
• This is the time in children’s lives when they are "Learning How to Think."
• Within the elementary years of Montessori, the child is entering a new period in his life: this imaginative, social, creative child needs a planned environment and expansive course of study to support his rapidly increasing independence and potential. The classroom for the child between the age of six through twelve is designed to meet these needs. This experience will not only shape his knowledge and skills, but also his attitude about learning for the rest of his life.
• In Montessori elementary, our goal is for your children to be able to learn everything! The starting point for all courses of study are the ‘Great Lessons’ which are impressionistic and scientific stories presented every year giving the ‘big picture’ of cosmology, astronomy, earth science, geography, chemistry, physics, biology, history, anthropology, cultural and social studies, language, math, music, and art. Subsequent lessons offer the children keys for further exploration of all areas. Lessons are considered starting points for the child’s own inquisitive activity.
• From here, the Montessori Child is ready for a very important transition: becoming an adolescent. Her elementary years have allowed her to develop as a unique individual. She has experienced challenges and rewards of working with a group of other children of different ages and has seen her skills and talents put to use in many group projects.
• He has developed proficiency in all areas of academic endeavors and looks forward to the new opportunities beyond Montessori elementary. He loves and trusts the adults with whom he works. Above all, he is flexible and adaptable.
• These skills, the culmination of the 6-year Montessori elementary program, will help her to easily assimilate into new academic and social situations in middle school, high school, college and beyond.
**Important Dates**

- **Wednesday, February 26th**: Faith Formation Families attend Ash Wednesday Masses at 7 pm
- **Wednesday, March 4th**: Faith Formation Classes, Confirmation Year 1 & 2 Meet

*Summer 2020 Registration open online at: www.stjohns-excelsior.org/parish/Faith-Formation/Summer-2020*

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**ASH WEDNESDAY IS THIS WEEK!**

All Faith Formation families, please join us for Mass at 7:00 pm.

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**Discerning God’s Will For Your Future**

with Fr. Brian Park

**Saturday, March 7, 2020**

What I am to do with my life? What will I do this weekend? Should I date this person? What will I do when I graduate? What career or profession should I choose? How should I spend my money? What car should I drive? Is God calling me to marriage, priestly or religious life? These are great questions! And the truth is that the mature Christian disciple is always prudently discerning God’s will for his or her life – from big to small.

After celebrating Mass, Fr. Brian Park will break open practical principles and tips on how to discern God’s will for your life.

Signup at https://tinyurl.com/sjblifeline

$5 for transportation. **Drivers & Chaperones Needed!**
**Stewardship Update**

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

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**YTD Information (as of 2/17/20)**

- **YTD Budget**: $557,546
- **YTD Actual**: $545,855
- **Amount Over/(Under Budget)**: ($11,691)

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**Catholic Services Appeal**

Whether you live in a rural or urban area in the Archdiocese, you benefit from the Designated Ministries of the CSAF. Your support is greatly needed and benefits all people in the Archdiocese by supporting Catholic elementary schools, youth and adult faith formation, marriage programs, the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, the poor, and our future priests. Your donation helps serve the poor, support life, and strengthen the Faith!

**You may donate online at www.csafspm.org or place your envelope in the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity.**

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**First Saturday Devotions at St. John’s**

**Saturday, March 7th 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.

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**The Devotion to the 2000 Hail Marys**

**Saturday, March 7th from 7:00am — 5:00pm**

*(All are welcome to join at anytime during those hours!)*

**Room 222 at St. Hubert’s (Chanhamnen)**

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!

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

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