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.

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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
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!

Here is some more information about what this survey involves.

Overview:
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.
Who: All parishioners. Even those who have already attended a Prayer & Listening Event.

Please help us get the highest response rate possible!

When you receive an email this week from St. John’s, please click on the survey link and complete the survey by March 1st.

If you don’t use a smartphone, tablet or computer - there will be opportunities to complete the survey after daily and Sunday Mass. Paper copies will be available 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!

Please be as honest and reflective as possible. The survey asks about your experience, involvement and participation in our parish community. This is an opportunity for us to see where our strengths are and what opportunities we have to become better at engaging, providing for and meeting the needs of our parishioners.

ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY
Over the last year a group of women have been participating in a new ministry named the Altar and Rosary Society. Several of these women need to end their commitment and we are looking for new volunteers.

We have been helping parish staff by taking on some of the weekly church cleaning tasks. These include dust mopping the floor, dusting the altar area, wiping kneelers and straightening pew book holders.

This is a beautiful opportunity to pray in the presence of our Lord in the tabernacle while cleaning. What better companion? It is a short time commitment (30 minutes to 45 minutes) made short only by the participation of several volunteers. You come in on Monday or Tuesday at whatever time is convenient for you. The goal is to have the church ready for Tuesday Mass at 5:30pm. Each person checks off one or two tasks they have completed.

Please consider this opportunity to honor our Lord by helping keep the church clean. You may contact the church office to sign up at 952-474-8868 or email stjohns@stjohns-excelsior.org.
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

ST. JOHN’S WINTER GALA 2020
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH
6:00PM–11:00PM
This is your last chance to register for the annual Parish Gala that takes place NEXT SATURDAY in the Gathering Place! This event is our largest fundraiser of the year and supports all parish ministries.

SILENT AUCTION IS NOW OPEN FOR BIDDING!
That’s right! All week long, you can bid on some amazing items such as:
* Tons of Gift Cards
* Game Night Basket
* Hygge Basket
* Massage, Facial & Hair Cut
* House Cleaning
* Entertainment: Chanhassen Dinner Theater, Old Log and Acme Comedy
* Homemade Meal Delivered to Your Door
* Vera Bradley Bags
* A Hand-made Quilt
* Whiskey and Port
* And so much more!!!

You just need to go online and register as a Remote Bidder on the registration page:
https://sjexcels.ejoinme.org/registration2020

Bidding closes promptly at 7:30 pm on Saturday, February 8th.

If you can’t attend this year’s Gala and want to make a donation to our Fund-A-Need for a Community Assistance Fund, please go to our registration page and enter your donation!
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 section.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2, 2020
Monday: 2Sm 15:13-14,30;16:5-13/Ps 3:2-7/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2Sm 18:9-10,14b,24-25a,30-19:3/Ps 86:1-6/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2Sm 24:2,9-17/Ps 32:1-2,5-7/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1Kgs 2:1-4,10-12/1Chr 29:10-12/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31,47,50,51/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9-14/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-9/1Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
Feed My Starving Children
Thursday, February 6th 9:30am — 11:30am
New Date for February only!
Please consider giving a couple hours of your time to help out at Feed My Starving Children. It’s a worthy project packing meals for malnourished kids! You can sign up in the Gathering Place or contact Mary Ann Chinander at (952) 474-5834

Liturgical Expeditions:
The Second Reading
By Deacon Riley

In the first reading at Mass, we were reminded of the trials and truths experienced by the ancient Jewish people--our parents in the faith. In the singing and responsorial from the book of Psalms, we are able to see and reflect on our own deeply personal and emotional experiences we have had in our relationship with God. Next comes the second reading.

The second reading at Mass comes from the writings of St. Paul, or other early Christians in the church. They were written at a time when being Catholic was a very difficult--and often dangerous--choice. Church leaders such as St. Paul or St. John the apostle would write to other Christian communities to either encourage them to stay strong in faith or correct those who were not living a Christian life. Some of the cities they would write to were Corinth (the Corinthians), Thessalonica (the Thessalonians), or Philippi (the Philippians).

When one of these churches would receive a letter from Paul, they would read it aloud in their weekly assembly. On occasion, certain letters would be passed around to the other churches to be read aloud. For example, the first letter Paul wrote to the Corinthians may be forwarded to Rome or Thessalonica because it included encouragement or direction that was needed among the whole church.

Today, we read those same letters every week at Mass. They are just as necessary today in Excelsior as they were 2,000 years ago in Thessalonica. These letters teach us how to act as Christians, and remind us of God’s unending love for his Church. As we listen to these letters at Mass, take a moment to ask yourself how you can apply these readings to your own life, so that, just as the Christians desired to do 2,000 years ago, we can continue to grow into the men and women God is calling us to be.

Thank You St. John’s!
Haven Housing & St. Anne’s Place would like to express our sincere gratitude for the generous gifts for women & children transitioning from homelessness. Because of your gifts, the season was warmer for many who would have gone without. Your caring and benevolence is very much appreciated by both residents and staff!
With Gratitude ~ Haven Housing

Mass Intentions

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
Mon. February 3
No Mass
Tue. February 4 5:30pm Larry & Theresa Aeshliman
Wed. February 5 8:00am Carol Culhane
Thurs February 6 8:00am †† Don & Betty Roy
Fri. February 7 9:00am For the Parish
Sat. February 8 8:00am For the Parish
5:00pm For the Parish
Sun. February 9 8:00am † Leslie Goodale
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, February 17th:** No School for President’s Day
- **Tuesday, February 18th:** Financial Aid Application Deadline for Grades K-8
- **February 23rd-29th:** Montessori Education Week
- **Wednesday, February 26th:** School late start at 9:00am for Ash Wednesday Mass at 8:00am

**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!

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST!**
Students, staff, parents and the Knights of Columbus had a great time serving up pancakes last Sunday! Thank you for supporting this important fundraiser. Here is a photo of the Middle School Coffee House as they served up some specialty coffee drinks.

**ENRICHMENT**
One of the many great things about St. John’s Catholic Montessori School is all of the enrichment opportunities! The elementary and middle school students went downhill skiing this past week.
**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Wednesday, February 5th:** Faith Formation classes, Confirmation Year 2 Meets  
**Wednesday, February 12th:** Faith Formation classes, Confirmation Year 1 Meets  
**Saturday, February 15th:** Confirmation Year 1 Sponsor Meeting 10 am (Gathering Place)  
**February 21st-23rd:** Confirmation Retreat  
*Summer 2020 Registration open online at: www.stjohns-excelsior.org/parish/Faith-Formation/Summer-2020*

**EXTREME FAITH CAMP**
**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

Extreme Faith Camp is a week filled with classic “up north” camp experiences: canoeing, archery, swimming, zip lining - all while exploring the amazing depth our Catholic Faith has to offer! Youth encounter Christ in Mass, Adoration, and small groups. This camp sets the environment for hearts to be turned to Christ, so that a tangible relationship with Him can begin.  
June 29 — July 3  
Current 6th — 8th Grade  
$400 / camper  
Big Sandy Camp in McGregor, MN  

*Extreme Team & Prayer Team Applications due March 6!*

**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 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.

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 $15 per person and you may register by calling Mary Jo Sherwood at 612-669-0450 or online: http://bit.ly/MorningofReflection

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Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors & Altar Servers: February 8th & 9th

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