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

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my
hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and
do not be unbelieving, but believe.” - Jn 20:27

Resurrection Cemetery
5555 Covington Rd, Shorewood, MN 55331

To know, love, serve and share Christ through worship, teaching, stewardship and witness.
GROWING IN PRAYER
In our childhood, most of us were blessed with parents who taught us to pray both at home and at church. In my family, we learned the gift of attending Mass and being present for the consecration and the reception of our Lord’s body and blood. We were also encouraged to set aside the first hour of Saturday evening for adoration and benediction. Outside of Mass, this was really the only opportunity we had to kneel before the exposed presence of our Lord, and to share our inmost thoughts.

It was in the 1980s when parishioners began to ask for more of this intimate time with the Lord. Their requests led parishes to incorporate 24/7 Adoration Chapels into the main body of the church. We at St. John’s have been blessed to have had an adoration chapel since the mid 1990’s.

Now, nearly thirty years later, it may seem like we have always had one. I pray we always will. But to continue making this 24/7 presence of the Lord possible, St. John’s parishioners must continue to provide at least one adorer for each of the 149 weekly hours the chapel is open. With over 600 families, this is easily done. But as lives change - job movement, deaths, family responsibilities, college, etc., adoration vacancies occur. This annual loss of adorers means we must reach out and ask for new adorers to keep our adoration chapel open 24/7.

As Divine Mercy Sunday approaches, it is a perfect time to consider setting aside a weekly hour for Adoration, and getting to know our Lord more intimately. Can any of us really know God from a distance? Is it even possible for any of us to have a personal relationship with Jesus without nurturing his friendship? True friendship only happens when we hang out with and get to know someone. As each of us already tries to set aside prayer time each week, why not do some of our prayer hanging out in the real presence of the Lord?

If you are not presently an assigned adorer, please take a moment this week to sign up for an open slot, or to join someone already adoring. See page 2 for open hours.

Don’t be afraid to make a one-hour, weekly commitment. We have a great substitute system in place. Adoration not only keeps our faith strong; it helps keeps our parish strong. Thank you for considering this blessing for your life and our parish.

God Bless You,
Deacon Gary

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
APRIL 28TH, 2019 AT 3:00PM
Jesus said to St. Faustina: “I desire that there be a Feast of Mercy... On this day the very depths of My tender mercy are open... The soul that will go to Confession [within 20 days before or after the feast] and receive Holy Communion on that day, shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment... and this is why the first Sunday after Easter is to be the Feast of Mercy, and on that day priests are to tell everyone about My great and unfathomable mercy.”

Come to the Feast of Divine Mercy service here at St. John the Baptist! Learn about the Image of the Merciful Jesus, St. Faustina, the hour of Divine Mercy, the chaplet of Divine Mercy, and a plenary indulgence associated with Divine Mercy Sunday. Join us for a light reception in the Gathering Place following the prayer service.
Easter Flower Donations

Thank you to all those who donated for our Easter Flowers! We remember those in whose memory a donation was made for our Easter flowers this year.

In memory of:

- Charles & Shirley Lunge
- DC Michael & Lorene Murray
- Helen Marvin
- Bob Shipman
- Keith F. Bedford
- Ella Bedford
- Dorothy Bedford
- Herbert & Betty Paulsen
- Bill Ryan
- Eugene & Mary Woida
- Pat & Alice Cain
- Harold Roers
- John Kohman
- Dean Young
- Marilyn Kohman
- Henry & Elma Young
- Merl & Doris Swenson
- Jessica Sellers
- Joan Mason
- Stephanie Vavriček
- Dell Dumas
- Walter Schmidt
- Jay T. Schmidt
- Millard & Lorraine Peterson
- Arnold Schroeder
- Al Stumpfl
- Michael Renard
- Charles & Shirley Schnatz
- Mildred Lacy
- William & Rose Mrachek
- Joseph & Eileen Boyer
- Donald Roy
- Grandmas and Grandpas

Deceased Members of the Jack Davis Family
Deceased Members of the Nielsen Family
Deceased Members of the Zieglmeier Family

In honor of:

- King Family
- For the faith of all children and grandchildren
- Kathy Bedford
- Margaret Kanuit
- Patricia Woida
- Peter & Emily Haracz
- Ben, Eugene, Richard & Philip Woida
- Marie Schroeder
- The Renard Family
- Julius Loch
- The Fritts Family
- The Willoughby Family
- The Shephard Family

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
- Lou Prescott
- Kon Wurm
- Pam Plain
- Ruth Colnar

Readings for the Week of April 28, 2019

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-9/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2,9,17-20/Jn 3:31-36
Friday: 1Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-5/Jn 14:6-14
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32,40b-41/Ps 30:2,4-6,11-13/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19
PARISH EVENTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH
8:00am Mass (Hospitality)
10:00am Mass (Hospitality)
3:00pm Divine Mercy Prayer Service (Reception to follow)

MONDAY, APRIL 29TH
1:00pm-7:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive
6:00pm Open Youth Room

TUESDAY, APRIL 30TH
8:45am Parent Coffee With a Montessori Expert
6:00pm Mill Street Trail Feasibility Open House

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1ST
6:30pm Faith Formation
6:30pm First Communion Prayer and Practice

THURSDAY, MAY 2ND

FRIDAY, MAY 3RD

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH
6:30am Men Who Pray
7:10am First Saturday Devotions
5:00pm Mass
6:00pm Parish Gala

SUNDAY, MAY 5TH
8:00am Mass (Hospitality)
10:00am Mass—First Communion (Hospitality)

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS

APRIL 27TH & 28TH
This weekend, our special collection supports the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Nearly half our country is considered mission territory. This appeal helps our brothers and sisters here in the United States who do not have access to basic pastoral services like Mass, the sacraments, and religious education. Through your support, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps these mission dioceses form vibrant faith communities and strengthens the Church at home. Please find envelopes on the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Place. Thank you for your support!

RESURRECTION CEMETERY HELP NEEDED

Spring has finally arrived! Resurrection Cemetery is an important ministry of St. John’s parish, and our activity swings into high gear with the melting of the snow and Memorial Day on the horizon. In order to spruce up for the upcoming summer, the month of May is spent in repair, leveling, and seeding/sodding graves that were closed over the fall and winter.

Our cemetery ministry is open to anyone – we need one-time help for a few days every spring and fall, as well as ongoing cemetery ministers to water, mow and trim throughout the summer. This is a wonderful way to honor our deceased friends and relatives, and is such a great way to pray while ministering! The cemetery is quiet and peaceful, and offers an opportunity to be in prayer every week!

Please contact Scott Kragness in the church office to participate in this ministry!

FAITH DIRECT

The Lord is risen! As Christ’s disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our parish’s many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call. Our ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting St. John the Baptist with electronic donations through Faith Direct.

Signing up is easy! Visit faith.direct/MN855.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. April 27 8:00am Molly Smith For the Parish
5:00pm
Sun. April 28 8:00am Luke Shipman Tom & Jennifer Rosensteel Family
10:00am
Mon. April 29 No Mass
Tues. April 30 5:30pm † Tonya Moon
Wed. May 1 8:00am Arielle Totty
Thurs May 2 8:00am † Carol Leishman
Fri. May 3 9:00am † † Robert & Patricia Murphy
Sat. May 4 8:00am † † Jerry & Joanne Pettit
5:00pm † Tom Haremza
Sun. May 5 8:00am For the Parish
10:00am Leo Hohmeister

( PAGE 3 ) SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN
THURSDAY, MAY 9TH 9:30AM — 11:30AM
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

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS
SATURDAY, MAY 4TH AT 7:10AM AT ST. JOHN’S
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."

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
MONDAY, APRIL 29TH FROM 1:00-7:00PM
St. John’s will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, April 29th in the Gathering Place. Please contact Rita Wartman for more information at 612-385-8078 or if you would like to schedule a time slot. Walk-ins are welcome.

ST. JOHN’S GATHERING PLACE
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MILL STREET TRAIL OPEN HOUSE
TUESDAY, APRIL 30TH FROM 6:00-8:00PM
ST. JOHN’S GATHERING PLACE
Excelsior residents, please join Hennepin County Planners as they provide a feasibility meeting of a proposed bike and pedestrian trail along Mill Street. St. John’s will host the meeting this coming Tuesday from 6-8pm. For more information, please visit www.hennepin.us/millstreet.

ST. JOHN’S GALA
WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND THE ST. JOHN’S PARISH GALA?
SATURDAY, MAY 4TH
6-11PM

1. This is the largest fundraiser for the parish and it supports ALL parish ministries.

2. It’s an affordable date night! Child care is only $5 per child (if you have 3 or more kids, all you pay is $15 but you must pre-register for child care). Tickets for adults are $40 which includes dinner!

3. It’s Kentucky Derby-themed this year! Time to get festive with some big hats or stylish fascinators. There will be mint juleps, bourbon tasting, betting and more. Plus the silent auction items this year are pretty awesome.

4. It’s going to be fun! We know how to throw a party at St. John’s!

You can register online at https://sjexcels.ejoinme.org/registration2019 or sign up after Masses or get a registration form at the Parish Office. You may also donate to our Gala Silent/Live Auctions and/or be a Sponsor.
**Important Dates**

**Wednesday, May 1st:** Faith Formation; First Communion Practice

**Sunday, May 5th:** First Communion

**Monday, May 6th:** Final Open Youth Room

**Tuesday, May 7th:** Confirmation at Basilica of Saint Mary

**Wednesday, May 8th:** Final Faith Formation of the school year

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**Rosaries for Youth**

Will you pray a rosary for our youth? Our goal is 1,000+ rosaries to be prayed for the youth of our parish by Sunday, June 3rd. Let us know the number of rosaries prayed so we can keep track! Sign up on the credenzas in the back of church or online here: https://tinyurl.com/y32ylf52

So far 100 rosaries have been prayed. Help us reach our goal. We have 900 left to go!

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**Car Wash Fundraiser for Youth Ministry**

5 Count Car Wash Kwik Trip $36

Youth will raise $16 per 5 count car wash sold to go towards Summer Camp/Program! Cost is $36 per 5 count car wash, which saves you $14 if you buy from us.

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**Let’s Celebrate A Great Year!**

We will conclude the faith formation year on May 8th. All families are invited to join us for a celebration from 6:30-8:00 pm.

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**Important Dates:**

**Tuesday, April 30th:** Parent Coffee With a Montessori Expert 8:45-9:45am. Guest speaker Liza Davis.

**Saturday, May 18th:** Bowl-A-Thon Fundraiser

**Friday, May 24th:** SHARE Mass at 9am

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**Bowl-A-Thon**

**Saturday, May 18th**

Our all-school fundraiser is underway! If you would like to make a donation, each student is expected to raise $300. They are looking for sponsors to donate per pin knocked down or as a one-time donation. You can go online to www.stjohns-excelsior.org and click “Make A Donation” to make a pledge or donation. Feel free to leave a "note" with the student’s name or leave it blank for a general donation.

Thank you for supporting our school!

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**St. John’s 17th Annual Garden Patch Gift Certificate Fundraiser**

Once again St. John’s School is teaming up with The Garden Patch in Excelsior to make your garden beautiful and bountiful!

Gift Certificates to the Garden Patch may be purchased after Mass or at the church or school office. Thirty percent of all certificates sold goes back to the school! Not planting that much at home? Donate a certificate to the church for the beautification of the grounds or to the school for the school vegetable garden! The St. John’s Garden Club will be planting this spring and love to be able to purchase more plants and flowers! Please contact either the parish or school office to order!
THE DEVOTION TO THE 2000 HAIL MARYS
SATURDAY, MAY 3RD 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

TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND AND JORDAN WITH FR. TOLLEFSON
OCTOBER 20—NOVEMBER 1
Fr. Tollefson will lead a group to the Holy Land and Jordan, October 20 to November 1, 2019. Trip highlights include visits to Nazareth, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Mt. Olives, Gethsemane, Jordan, Jericho, Dead Sea, and much more. Join us on this Holy Land pilgrimage. Take some time for your own spiritual growth and join Fr. Tollefson to experience some of the most important Christian shrines and holy places. Grow closer to God by visiting places you have read about in the Bible and walk on the grounds that Jesus walked! For more information or to register online, visit www.magitravelinc.com, Trip #1910 with Fr. Rolf Tollefson.

TIME TALENT TREASURE

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 4/22/19)

| YTD BUDGET | $741,197 |
| YTD ACTUAL  | $648,718 |
| AMOUNT OVER/(UNDER BUDGET) | ($92,479) |

STEWARDSHIP

Whatever you have – has been given. Whatever you give – will be returned.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & LECTORS:
MAY 4TH & 5TH

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