Congratulations!

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR ALL YOUTH OF ST. JOHN’S RECEIVING SACRAMENTS THIS WEEK!

FIRST COMMUNION

Elizabeth Boehm
Samuel Boehm
Gabby Goodkind
Anabel Hay
Celesté Hay
Noah Hewitt
Ryder Joaquin
Gemma Johnson
Bennett Jordan

CONFIRMATION

Thomas Bakala
Kennedi Beniek
Samuel Bradley
Lindsey Brisley
John Browne
Nathanael Burns

Erin Kelly
Bennett Kilian
Scarlett Newcomb
Max Novogratz
Walker Penhollow
Elizabeth Rogness
Helen Schafer
Audrey Schmitz
Henry Wallenfelt

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

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church & Montessori School
680 Mill Street, Excelsior, MN 55331

MAY 5TH, 2019
{Third Sunday of Easter}
First Communion & Confirmation

“It is the Lord.”

Our souls long to proclaim this truth with St. John the Beloved, but so often we are like the disciples in today’s Gospel reading. We go about our daily events without stopping in awareness of Christ who is in front of us, directing us and guiding us. The disciples knew that Christ was risen; when Jesus called to them from the shore that day they had encountered Him twice in His risen body. They had spoken with Him and touched His wounds. And still they forgot.

After catching a great shoal of fish, St. John proclaims what he sees with the eyes of his heart — “It is the Lord.” The Holy Spirit is prompting him to remember what God has done in his life. Many of the disciples were called by Jesus while fishing — they were called in their ordinary lives. For a third time, after His resurrection and before His ascension, Christ comes to meet them in their ordinary life.

How merciful Jesus is! He knows the weakness of humanity, so continually reminds us of who He is.

- In signs and wonders they recognize Him: “It is the Lord.”
- In the breaking of the bread they recognize Him: “It is the Lord.”
- In the witness of the Holy Spirit they recognize Him: “It is the Lord.”
- In the sign of peace they recognize Him: “It is the Lord.”
- In the gaze of love they recognize Him: “It is the Lord.”

In the sacraments we recognize Him – outward signs of interior realities. What a joyous few days of celebration we have at St. John’s this week! Thirty young people from St. John’s will be receiving sacraments of initiation! Both the First Communicants and the Confirmation Candidates have spent time preparing to receive such great gifts – the gift of Christ Himself, hidden in the most Holy Eucharist, and the gift of the Holy Spirit, sealed upon our souls in Confirmation.

The young people of St. John’s have been praying to have their hearts opened to recognizing Christ in their daily lives. Through retreats, time in prayer, meeting with their classmates, and lessons with their sponsors & parents, the second- and tenth-graders have continually been growing closer to Jesus. They are learning to hear His voice and to follow what He speaks.

Please pray with us that this week these young disciples, through the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation, are given every grace to proclaim boldly with their lives “It is the Lord!”

Congratulations to you all!

God Bless You,
Taylor Gruber,
Director of Faith Formation

2019 St. John’s Gala

Thank you to all those who made our Gala such a success!

Please consider helping with clean up on Sunday after the 8:00am and 10:00am Masses.

Many hands make light work!

Resurrection Cemetery Notes

Now that spring is here, please note the following memorial decoration guidelines for Resurrection Cemetery:

A single stand may be placed at each grave with a real or artificial plant or flowers. Any pots or loose flowers placed directly on the grave will be removed at the next mowing. Plant stands are allowed between May 1st and October 1st, and must be removed and stored by families over the winter months.

Memorials at the Mausoleum and Columbarium are not to be left on the sidewalk or inside the Chapel. Questions? Please call Megan in the parish office at 952-474-8868 or email madam@stjohns-excelsior.org

Plan to join us for the annual Memorial Day Mass on Monday, May 27th at 9:00am. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. In case of rain, Mass will be held at St. John’s in the church.
Readings for the Week of May 5 2019

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32,40b-41/Ps 30:2,4-6,11-13/Rv 5:11-14/In 21:1-19
Tuesday: Acts 7:51–8:1a/Ps 31:3-4, 6-8,17,21/In 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-7/In 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9,16-17,20/In 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/In 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116: 12-17/In 6:60-69

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

Please join us in praying for our teaching seminarian, Riley Durkin in this final month before his ordination to the transitional deaconate:

Riley J. Durkin has been approved for ordination to the diaconate on June 1, 2019 at the Cathedral of St. Mary in Fargo, North Dakota.

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 Vavrichek
- Dell Dumas
- Walter Schmidt
- Jay T. Schmidt
- Millard & Lorraine Peterson
- Arnold Schroeder
- Margaret Davis
- Lou Prescott
- Kon Wurm
- Pam Plain
- Ruth Colnar
- Michael Renard
- Charles & Shirley Schrantz
- 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 Ziegmeier Family

In honor of:

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

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 church office and make an appointment to register to be part of St. John’s wonderful community!
**PARISH EVENTS**

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

**MONDAY, MAY 6TH**
- 6:00pm  Open Youth Room

**TUESDAY, MAY 7TH**
- 7:00pm  Rite of Confirmation at Basilica of Saint Mary

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH**
- 6:30pm  Faith Formation—Celebration—Last Class

**THURSDAY, MAY 9TH**
- 9:30am  Feed My Starving Children
- 7:00pm  Knights of Columbus Meeting

**FRIDAY, MAY 10TH**

**SATURDAY, MAY 11TH**
- 6:30am  Men Who Pray
- 11:00am Knights of Columbus Kite Flying Event
- 5:00pm  Mass

**SUNDAY, MAY 12TH**
- 8:00am  Mass *(Hospitality)*
- 10:00am Mass *(Hospitality)*

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

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**LITURGICAL EXPEDITIONS**

**MAY: MONTH OF MARY**

By Dr. Jacob Benda  
Director of Music, Liturgy & Parish Engagement

*Salve Regina*

During the month of May we are going to explore various prayers and devotions to our Blessed Mother so as to strengthen our bond with Mary; she will always lead us to her Son.

The *Salve Regina* (Hail Holy Queen) is recited at the end of the Rosary and is also used in night prayers. It dates back to around the 11th century and is still sung today as a hymn in various forms.

St. Alphonus Liguori thought so highly of the Hail Holy Queen that he analyzed it in great detail in his well-known 18th century book *The Glories of Mary*. In this prayer we pay homage to the Blessed Virgin Mary, our “Mother of Mercy,” and humbly ask for her assistance. Many religious over the centuries (including quite a few saints) have considered her help to be essential for our salvation.

**Hail Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope.**

**To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.**

**To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.**

**Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us.**

**And after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.**

**O clement O loving O sweet Virgin Mary.**

**Pray for us oh holy mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

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**SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION!**

We will be hosting special hospitality after all Masses the weekend of **May 18th-19th**. St. John’s would not be the vibrant community it is without our many ministers—liturgical, hospitality, Catechists, indoor and outdoor environments, outreach, prayer — the list is endless!

Everyone’s willingness to use their gifts for our parish is important, and we want to recognize you all! Please join us after each Mass to celebrate YOU!
**IMPORTANT DATES**

**SUNDAY, MAY 5TH:** First Communion 10am Mass  
**MONDAY, MAY 6TH:** Final Open Youth Room  
**TUESDAY, MAY 7TH:** Confirmation 7pm Basilica of St. Mary  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH:** Final Faith Formation of the school year

**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 at the Welcome Desk or online here:  
https://tinyurl.com/y32ylf52

*So far 261 rosaries have been prayed. Help us reach our goal!*  

Sign up now for summer events! All registration links available here:  
http://www.stjohns-excelsior.org/parish/Faith-Formation/Summer-2019

**CATHLETICS! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Training to be Champions for Christ

July 15 - 19  
4 - 11 Year Olds  
8:45 AM - Noon  
Costs $30 per child or $75 per family

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**MISSISSIPPI MISSION TRIP  
SUMMER 2019**

Join us on a mission to Mississippi this summer! Each day from 8 AM - 2:30 PM, we will help families who are struggling with construction needs - roofing, flooring, building a wheelchair ramp, etc! In the afternoon and evenings we will have fun activities, pray together, and grow in friendship. And we couldn't forget a stop at Six Flags in St. Louis!  
**WHEN:** JUNE 9 - JUNE 15  
**WHO:** CURRENT 6TH - 12TH GRADE  
**COST:** $300 PER STUDENT  
**ORGANIZATION:** SACRED HEART SOUTHERN MISSIONS

**EXTREME FAITH CAMP 2019**

**EXPERIENCE YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH IN A WHOLE NEW WAY!**

June 29 - July 3  
Current 6th-8th Graders  
Big Sandy Camp in McGregor, MN  
$425 per camper

For more information and for registration, please contact Michelle Davis or see our webpage.
Dear Parishioners,

Many of you are aware that St. John the Baptist Catholic Montessori School is growing and we are expanding our capacity. In three years, enrollment has increased by 43%, and we are opening two new classrooms next year!

As we prepare to make changes in the 2019-2020 school year, I have given significant thought and prayer about how best to lead our school community moving forward as we grow, and parish leaders have been invaluable collaborators in making the right decisions. SJB is ready to enter its next phase of development and, to coincide with opening two new classrooms, we have staffing changes planned.

Angela Wroblewski, our current elementary teacher, will be taking over as principal on July 1. Mrs. Wroblewski’s knowledge and experience of Montessori is second to none, and she possesses what SJB needs to become the premier Catholic Montessori School of the Midwest. Recognizing the vital importance of ongoing mentorship and professional development for teachers, SJB will begin to give our teachers what few schools can provide: regular, one-on-one training with a Montessori expert. We have created a full-time Director of Advancement position to assume the marketing, development and enrollment duties of the principal, so that Mrs. Wroblewski can focus on being the guide of SJB’s teachers.

I will be leaving SJB professionally, but hopefully, not as a parent. Having been “on the inside” for three years, I am certain that my daughters cannot receive a higher quality education at any other school in driving distance. I have been blessed to be able to serve our parish community. I thank you for commitment to our school and I hope to spend many years with you in the future.

In Christ,
Nicholas Fonte

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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!

**SUMMER ADVENTURE 2019**
**JUNE 10—AUGUST 16**
**OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY!**

St. John’s will offer a summer program this year for children ages 3 on up to rising 6th graders. The program for ages 3-6 will be Montessori. Call the office to reserve a space, and registration can be competed using TADS — more info to come.

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**GARDEN PATCH GIFT CERTIFICATE FUNDRAISER**

Gift Certificates to the Garden Patch are available! 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!

Contact either the church or school office to order!
**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. Sign up at the Welcome Desk or contact Mary Ann Chinander at (952) 474-5834.

**Pro-Life Carnation Sale**

**MAY 11TH AND 12TH**

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual Pro-Life Carnation Sale to benefit Southwest Options for Women Life Care Center in Hopkins.

Carnations will be sold after the Masses on Mother’s Day weekend, May 11-12. A donation of $2.00 per carnation is suggested. The Knights appreciate your support.

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**Stewardship Update**

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

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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