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

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**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  
(**Holy Days and Holidays—see bulletin**  
**Or call Parish Office**)

**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
ST. JOHN’S GOLF CLASSIC - A CHANCE FOR FELLOWSHIP, FUNDRAISING AND FUN

As we wind down the summer and ramp up for the school year, we would like to invite you to join us for some fellowship, fun and fundraising at the St. John’s Golf Classic.

The Golf Classic is one of the primary fundraisers for our Catholic Montessori school, one of the parish’s key ministries. All proceeds from the Classic go to the school! Last year, we raised $19,500 to support the needs of the faculty and students, ensuring they have the necessary resources to deliver a high-quality Montessori education in a clean and safe environment.

With your support, we are confident that we can match or surpass that amount this year!

This year’s tournament will be held Friday, September 13th at Deer Run Golf Course in Victoria. Registration and driving range open at 10am with lunch at 11am and a shotgun start at 12:30pm. As always, the cart and golf balls are included. Cocktail hour is at 5:30pm with Dinner and Auction at 6:00pm.

So grab some friends and register your foursome online on the parish website. Single golfers and student foursomes are welcome.

Golf not your thing? No problem! There are several ways you can support our school:

1. **Sign up for the Paint & Sip event.** Another fun opportunity to support the Golf Classic by drinking wine on the patio, painting and having the opportunity for fellowship.

2. **Bring in donated items for our silent auction.** The possibilities here are endless.

3. **Become a sponsor.** Do you own a business? This is a great way to advertise. Or you can show your family’s support. (From the $10,000 Presenting Sponsor to the $250 Hole Sponsor your family or company will be prominently represented at the event and in promotional materials and social media)

4. **Spread the word.** Share our Facebook event and invite your friends! Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for updates!

5. **Volunteer the day of the event.** We need help with set-up, tear-down, our Paint & Sip event, and photography.

Registration and sponsorship information can be found on the parish and school websites or stop by and say hi to one of our planning committee members after Mass. We’ll be at the table in the Gathering Place with more information and perhaps a few tall tales about our golf game.

So, mark your calendars and get out to support our school. We’ll see you on the course.

Duggan Buffington and Daniel Sullivan
Co-Chairs, St. John’s Golf Classic

Registration for Golf, Sponsorship, and the Paint & Sip may all be found online here: https://sjexcels.ejoinme.org/2019registration

Please call Sarah Reid in the church office with any questions 952-474-8868.
Readings for the week of August 18, 2019

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2-4, 18/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43-44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:1-15/Ps 9:6-11-14/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40,5, 7-10/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22/Ps 146:5-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Mass Intentions

Sat. August 17 8:00am † Kelly Prescott
5:00pm Beth Van Pelt

Sun. August 18 8:00am For the Parish
10:00am Mary Ryan

Mon. August 19 No Mass

Tues. August 20 5:30pm Emily Thomas

Wed. August 21 8:00am † Michael Renard

Thurs August 22 8:00am † John Renard

Fri. August 23 9:00am Roger Hennessy

Sat. August 24 8:00am Sergey & Joan Karpukhin
5:00pm Tom Rosensteel

Sun. August 25 8:00am † Kelly Prescott
10:00am For the Parish

Mon. August 26 No Mass

Tue. August 27 5:30pm Gary Gruber

Wed. August 28 8:00am † Dean Chinander

Thurs August 29 8:00am † † Jacob & Rita Colnar

Fri. August 30 9:00am Mary Isabella Johnson

Sat. August 31 8:00am Mary Kay Verkennes
5:00pm For the Parish

Sun. September 1 8:00am † † Wendell & Betty Hornecker
10:00am † Eleanor Hagen

Readings for the week of August 25, 2019

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1,2/Heb 12:5-7,11-13/Lk 13:22-30

Monday: 1Thes 1:1-5,8b-10/Ps 149:1-6,9/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3,4-6/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-12/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5,12-14,17/Mk 6:17-29

Friday: 1Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1-2,5,6-10,12-Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1,7-9/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18,20,28-29/Ps 68:4-7,10-11/Heb 12:18-19,22-24a/Lk 14:1,7-14
Parish Events

Sunday, August 18th
8:00am  Mass
10:00am  Mass

Monday, August 19th

Tuesday, August 20th
7:00pm  Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 21st

Thursday, August 22nd
6:00pm  Knights of Columbus hosting a Night at Canterbury

Friday, August 23rd
Church and school offices closed for staff retreat

Saturday, August 24th
6:30am  Men Who Pray
5:00pm  Mass

Sunday, August 25th
8:00am  Mass
10:00am  Mass

Monday, August 26th

Tuesday, August 27th

Wednesday, August 28th

Thursday, August 29th
6:00pm  Back to School Night for new and returning families

Friday, August 30th
Church office closes at 12:00pm

Saturday, August 31st
6:30am  Men Who Pray
5:00pm  Mass

Sunday, September 1st
8:00am  Mass
10:00am  Mass

Church and School Offices Closed
Friday, August 23rd
Please pray for our parish staff as they attend a staff retreat day! Our church and school offices will be closed.

Labor Day
Tuesday, September 2nd
The church and school offices will be closed for Labor Day.

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

Thanksgiving
As we stand on the brink of a new program year, and anticipate all that God has in store for our parish, it is important to recall the many blessings of this past year. In particular let us remember the gift of our newly renovated church that lifts our minds, souls and senses toward Christ by way of prayerfulness, transcendence, and beauty.

On February 17th, 2019 Archbishop Hebda dedicated our new altar using these words:

Therefore, we humbly beseech you, O Lord: pour forth from heaven your sanctifying power upon this altar, built in the house of the Church, that it may be an altar dedicated for all time by the sacrifice of Christ, and stand as the Lord’s table where your people are refreshed by the divine banquet.

Let this stone, cut and shaped, be for us a sign of Christ, from whose pierced side flowed blood and water, by which were established the Sacraments of the Church.

Let this be a festive table, to which the guests of Christ hasten with joy, so that, casting on you their cares and burdens, they may gain new strength of spirit for new paths ahead.

Let it be the place of intimate communion with you and a place of peace, where those who feed on the Body and Blood of your Son may be filled with his Spirit and grow in your love.

Let it be the source of the Church’s unity and of fraternal harmony, where your faithful, gathering as one, may drink of the spirit of mutual charity.

The focus of the liturgical expeditions during this coming year will be the source and summit of our faith from which all else flows: the Mass. We will explore the Introductory Rites, Concluding Rites, and everywhere in between.

May the Lord continue to bless our parish in leading us, and others, toward Christ.
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.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT
Thursday, August 29th 6:00-7:30pm
We are excited to see our new and returning families at Back to School Night, August 29th from 6:00-7:30 pm. Come ready to receive information, meet our dedicated staff and have some fun! Remember to bring your classroom school supplies.

SCHOOL MASS
Tuesday, September 3rd at 9:00am
Please join us on the first day of school as we begin the day with Mass at 9:00am.

BOOHHOO YAHOO BREAKFAST
Wednesday, September 4th at 8:45-9:45am
Some of us will be crying. Some of us will be smiling. SJB school parents please join us in the Parent Room after drop-off on the second day of school for coffee, pastries and most importantly camaraderie.

CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER
September 3rd, from 4:00-8:00pm
Join us on the first day of school, September 3rd, from 4:00-8:00pm at the Chipotle at 560 W 79th St in Chanhassen! Bring in this bulletin announcement, a flyer from the Gathering Place, OR just tell them you’re supporting St. John the Baptist Catholic Montessori School and 33% of the proceeds will be donated to our school! See you there!

*Note: Online orders and payment by gift cards will not count as part of the fundraiser.

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!
Register early for a discount!

Parishioner Fee:
Early Bird Discount (Before August 31st): $150 per child or $350 max per family
After August 31st: $175 per child or $400 max per family
Non-Parishioner Fee:
$200 per child

Register online: https://permission.click/xGv7G/us

Classes begin September 26th
Contact Taylor Gruber tgruber@stjohns-excelsior.org with questions or to inquire about serving this year as a catechist, assistant or hall monitor!
SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED
Silent and live auction gifts are an integral part of the fun and success of the St. John’s Golf Classic Fundraiser. The possibilities are endless – here are a few ideas to get you started...

- Themed Baskets
- Gift Certificates
- Tickets to Games or Events
- Share your Timeshare
- Host a Dinner Party

Bring your donated silent auction items in to the parish office, or call for more information! Thank you!

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS ALREADY RECEIVED
We are so excited about the line-up of Silent Auction items we’ve already received for the St. John’s 13th Annual Golf Classic! Items include:

- Vikings Tickets
- Health & Beauty Basket
- Children’s Museum Tickets
- Airmaxx Trampoline Park Tickets
- Old Log Theater Tickets
- Man Cave Basket
- And more coming in daily!

*If you cannot attend the event, you can register online to remote bid on Friday, September 13th! The auction goes live at 10:00am and closes at 6:30pm.

PAINT AND SIP
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH 1:00-3:00PM
While the golfers are busy keeping the ball on the fairway, you could be on the patio creating your own Picasso with a beverage in hand! What a great way to support our school even if you don’t golf! Cost is $35 for instruction, canvas and paints, one glass of wine, and appetizers.

Register here
https://sjexcels.ejoinme.org/2019registration

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY AT ST. JOHN’S
Our tradition of gathering together in community after Masses to socialize with each other and support each other while enjoying beverages and treats is an important part of our life at St. John’s.

We are looking for ministers to serve as hospitality hosts as we bring back hospitality after the Sunday Masses beginning in September.

For those of you who have not hosted before and would be willing to volunteer to serve, please contact Megan in the church office or Sue Shipman at 952-564-7610 or via email at smsjmj@gmail.com.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE ARE ANNOUNCED
Please pray for this couple as they prepare to receive the wonderful Sacrament of Marriage!

September 7: Jennifer Setten & Joseph Anthonsen

Faith Direct
Did you miss a weekly offering while on Summer vacation? eGiving through Faith Direct is the easiest and most convenient way for St. John the Baptist to receive your weekly offering and other Church support. eGiving through Faith Direct will also save you time while helping St. John the Baptist reduce our expenses.

You can go online to faith.direct/MN855

Thank you for your prayerful support of St. John the Baptist!
**Missionary Discipleship Series**

Three 4-week sessions beginning this fall 7:00-8:30pm
St. Joseph Catholic Community in Waconia
Session 1: Thursdays, October 10, 17, 24, and November 7.
Special Adoration Holy Hour Thursday, November 14, 2019
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*Note: Called and Gifted™ Workshop Saturday, March 21, 2020
at St. Joseph, Waconia is part of this series.
Cost $150. For more information contact Susanna Parent at 651-291-4411 or parents@archspm.org.

**Stewardship Update**

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

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**SS. Peter & Paul Swing Dance & Dinner**

Saturday, August 24th in Loretto, MN
Everyone is invited to the SS. Peter & Paul swing dance and dinner in Loretto on August 24th! A free will offering "Taco Bar" dinner will be available from 5:30-8pm. FREE swing dance lessons will be available from 7-8pm, with the official dance going from 8-11pm. The swing dance is free and open to all ages! Hosted by the Vigilate Mecum young adults and the Knights of Columbus." Contact for more information tj.mcguire@live.com.

**Lectors for August 24th & 25th**

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