Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am
Tuesdays: 5:30pm
Wednesdays, Thursdays: 7:30am
Fridays: 8:30am
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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Victim Assistance Hotline: (651)291-4497
FR. DOSH SPEAKER SERIES – DEBBIE HERBECK
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3RD 6:00-9:00PM
On Thursday, October 3 at 6:00pm, the Father Dosh Speaker Series will host Debbie Herbeck, co-founder and executive director of Be Love Revolution (www.beloverevolution.squarespace.com). As we continue this year’s series on the Four Marks of the Church, Debbie will speak about the Church being Catholic.

The word “catholic” means “universal”. While the Old Testament focused on the Jews as the People of God, with the coming of Jesus Christ, the people that were called to be in a covenant relationship with God expanded to everyone everywhere.

In the second reading on Sunday, September 22, we heard 2 Timothy 2:5, “For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as ransom for all.”

Jesus is therefore the bridge for all people to God. As the Catholic Church is instituted by Christ, the purpose of the Church is to bring Jesus to everyone. The Church is universal in that she is for all people, for all times, all cultures and in that she teaches all that Christ and the apostles taught.

So, the Catholic Church is not a body that represents any one nation, race, or ethnicity. It is a body that is for all and whose doors are open for all. Consider these geographic statistics: Latin America includes 425 million Catholics. Europe, 257 million. Sub-Saharan Africa, 171 million. North America, 89 million. Asia-Pacific, 131 million. Middle East – North Africa, 6 million. The Catholic Church is all over the globe, encompassing people from every nation and every race.

The Church is in all these places because of her respect for the dignity of peoples and individuals everywhere, because of how her teachings have made people’s lives better, because of how the lives of holy Christians have inspired people, and because of the work of God’s grace in people’s lives.

Debbie Herbeck, who is a convert from Judaism to Catholicism (and who has a dramatic testimony available on YouTube), is in an extraordinary position to describe the Church’s universality.

Please come share the evening with us. Bring a friend.

God bless you,
Jim Hornecker—Parishioner and Speaker Series Committee Member

The evenings will consist of:
6:00-7:00 pm Reception and light appetizers in the Gathering Place
7:00-8:00 pm Speaker presentation in the Church
8:00-8:30 pm Adoration in the Church (Confessions available)
8:30-9:00 pm Fellowship and Q & A in the Gathering Place

No registration required. Free-will offering. No childcare provided.

Sign up to help with this event here ~ we need help with set up, serving and clean up:
www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c4eadac29a7fb6-frdosh
Readings for the week of September 29, 2019

Sunday: Am 6:1a,4-7/Ps 146:7-10/Lk 16:19-31
Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-23,29/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-6/Mt 18:1-5,10
Wednesday: Neh 8:1-4a,5-6,7b-12/Ps 19:8-11/Lk 10:1-12
Thursday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1-5,8-9/Lk 10:13-16
Friday: Bar 4:5-12,27-29/Ps 69:33-37/Lk 10:17-24
Saturday: Hb 1:2-3;2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2,6-9/2Tm 1:6-8,13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Open Adoration Hours

Take some quiet prayer time in the adoration chapel

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Mondays: 12:00am, 12:00pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm
Tuesdays: Wednesdays: 12:00am
Thursdays: 9:00am
Fridays: 12:00am, 4:00am, 12:00pm, 1:00pm, 11:00pm (Week 4 Only)
Saturdays: 4:00am, 7:00am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm
Sundays:

Please contact Maristel Conry at (612) 590-8882 or via email at maristel.conry@gmail.com if you are available and willing to sign up for an hour each week!

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
- Ruth Colnar
- Mary Lou Becker
- Kathy Bedford
- Steve Haskins

KC’s Host ‘A Night in New Orleans’
Saturday, October 26th from 6:00-11:00pm

The Knights of Columbus has a limited number of tickets for this year’s Catholic Schools Grant fundraiser. Only 500 sweepstakes tickets and 170 dinner tickets are available. Our Grand Buffet Dinner will again include multiple main entrees, appetizers, and beverages. There will be live dance and vocal music, games, special desserts, silent and live auction items, as well as the big Sweepstakes drawing, totaling over $6000 in giveaways. Again this year, you may choose your table seating along one of the finest avenues New Orleans North has to offer.

The recommended donation for a sweepstakes ticket is $25 each, or 5 for $100. Dinner tickets are $35 each or two for $60. Early Bird prizes are being awarded to early dinner and sweepstakes ticket holders. Both tickets are being offered before and after weekend Masses.

Come join us for a great time and a great cause. All proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus School Grant Fund, annually distributing $10,000 to parish youth attending Catholic schools in grades K-12.

Tickets on sale this weekend at the Parish Picnic! Stop by the Knights’ table to find out more!

Lost & Found

Have you lost or misplaced an item while you were at Mass or in the Adoration Chapel? Our Lost & Found is located at the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Place and has accumulated a large number of items! We will be donating any unclaimed items on October 1st, so if you are looking for something, please stop and check in/on the blue bin under the Welcome Desk.

St. John’s Concert Series
Thursday, October 24th 7:00 PM

Join us for our inaugural concert My Soul Proclaims the Greatness of the Lord on October 24th for an evening you won’t want to miss.

Directed by Dr. Jacob Benda
Featuring music by Cesar Franck, Ola Gjeilo, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Tomaso Vitali and more.
Dr. Marion Judish, violin—Professor of Violin and Viola, St. Cloud State University
David Davis, saxophone
And guest vocalists
PARISH EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH
8:00am  Mass
10:00am  Mass
11:00am  Parish Picnic

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH
1:00-7:00pm  Blood Drive (Upper GP)
6:30pm  Adult Bible Study (Lower GP)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST
9:15am  Adult Bible Study
7:00pm  RCIA Informational Meeting (Upper GP)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2ND
6:30pm  Faith Formation
7:00pm  Confirmation Year 1 (Upper GP)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3RD
6:00pm  Fr. Dosh Speaker: Debbie Herbeck

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH
6:30am  Men Who Pray
7:10am  First Saturday Devotions
5:00pm  Mass

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH
8:00am  Mass (Hospitality)
10:00am  Mass (Hospitality)

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.  September 28  8:00am  † Joseph Cosgrove
9:00am  † Mark Risinger
Sun.  September 29  8:00am  For the Parish
10:00am  John Lunger
Mon.  September 30  No Mass
Tue.  October 1  5:30pm  † † Carl & Mary Jo Murphy
Wed.  October 2  8:00am  Jean Gray
Thurs.  October 3  8:00am  † † Robert & Patricia Murphy
Fri.  October 4  9:00am  Lucy Setten
Sat.  October 5  8:00am  † Terry Robertson
5:00pm  CFR Brother John Baptist Joseph
Sun.  October 6  8:00am  Michael Streeter
10:00am  For the Parish

LITURGICAL EXPEDITIONS
INTRO TO THE MASS
BY DEACON RILEY

Attending Holy Mass is the most important hour of your week. The Mass is the only time in history where heaven and earth touch. It is a love letter between God and his people. It is a wedding feast, a celebration, a sacrifice, and a miracle all at the same time. It is when Jesus Christ himself-the same Jesus that walked on water and healed the sick--freely chooses to humble himself to and come to us as a vulnerable piece of bread. Jesus does not choose to remain with us in this way to boost his ego, nor because he is receiving anything he needs from us. Rather, it is out of love for us that he wants to be with us.

From the structure of the church building, to the homily, to simply processing with the bread and wine to the altar, our God is speaking to us. Over the course of the next several weeks, I plan to break down every movement that we make and every word that Father says to better reveal the great mysteries hidden within our greatest sacrament. To better understand the Mass is to have a greater grasp of who we are and where we are meant to go. So that one day, as Father raises up the host on a Sunday morning, we may earnestly and with our whole being repeat the words of St. Thomas after being confronted by our risen Lord, “My Lord and My God.” (Jn 20:28)

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH 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.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
ST. JOHN’S GATHERING PLACE
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH FROM 1:00-7:00PM

Give blood. Help save lives. To make an appointment, please call Rita Wartman at 612-385-8078 or email rswartman@aol.com. Drop-ins are welcome.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE ARE ANNOUNCED

Please pray for this couple as they prepare to receive the wonderful Sacrament of Marriage!

October 5: Emily Swenson & Keenan Hunt
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.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

No School the following: Friday, October 11th (Parent/Teacher Conferences), October 16-18 (MEA Break)
Tuesday, October 22nd: Parent Enrichment Speaker 8:45-9:45am

SCHOOL UPDATE

As we come to the end of the first month of school, we have such joy coming from the classrooms! From the simple works:
* learning how to set the table for a meal
* learning sounds and phonograms,
* preparing snack with full clean up (which includes washing, drying and putting away dishes),
* learning how to clean-up a spill

To the more complex works:
* Discovering the Sieve of Eratosthenes
* Pondering the work and discovery of Stellar Nucleosynthesis and the elements

The students have also begun their work in the Atrium. As in the early Church, we use the term Atrium to refer to a prepared space with materials where children work as a way of meditating upon the essentials of our faith found in Scriptures and in liturgy, grow in their love for Jesus and the Holy Mass.

All in all it has been a great first month!
Angela Wroblewski
Principal

SCHOOL STAFF SPOTLIGHT

CASSIE GIERSZEWSKI, TODDLER GUIDE

Cassie (Miss Cassie) earned a B.A. in Biology and Wildlife Ecology Research as well as Management with a Captive Wildlife minor from the University of Wisconsin: Stevens Point in December 2014. After graduating, she interned at Northwoods Wildlife Center in Minocqua, Wisconsin and at the North American Bear Center in Ely, Minnesota. While there, she gained a passion for education. In the fall of 2015, she gratefully started working at Saint John the Baptist after school care. As the school was changing into a Montessori school, Cassie fell in love with the method and its practices and joined the school full time working in before care, after care, and as the Children's House Assistant. Cassie has completed the AMI Assistants course for Assistants to Infancy at the Montessori Institute of North Texas. After spending two years as an assistant in the Toddler Community she is excited to take on the role of Toddler Guide. Cassie feels very blessed to be growing in the ways of Montessori with Saint John the Baptist Catholic Montessori School.
IMPORTANT DATES

**Wednesday, October 2nd:** Faith Formation
(Confirmation Year 1 meets)

**Saturday, October 5th:** LifeLine @ NET Center

**Wednesday, October 9th:** Faith Formation
(Confirmation Year 2 meets)

**Wednesday, October 16th:** NO Faith Formation
(MEA Break)

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**FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK**

**Brother Francis:**
**The Barefoot Saint of Assisi**

“What a brilliant story, beautifully told. I was so moved and inspired.”
—Flor De Liz P, Astoria, NY

Get to Know the Real Francis! Discover the astonishing life of Saint Francis, the fun-loving son of wealth and privilege who gave up everything for the sake of Christ.

**LISTEN ON FORMED.ORG**

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**RCIA: Come & See What Being Catholic is All About**

Have you thought about joining the Catholic Church? Have you heard the term RCIA and don’t know what it means?

Please join Deacon Riley Durkin for a no-pressure inquiry class about the beauties of the Catholic Church and the RCIA process.

When? Tuesday, October 1st from 7:00pm-8:30pm
Where? Upper Gathering Place
If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to email Dcn. Riley at durk9719@stthomas.edu

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**THE FAITH FORMATION YEAR IS IN FULL SWING!**

After the Faith Formation Kickoff last Wednesday, and introductory meetings for all sacraments completed, the Faith Formation year is official started! Please join us in praying for the youth and parents who are part of the Faith Formation program—that they may be strengthened in their faith and rest in God’s goodness this school year!

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**AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL CHILDREN**

**AGE 3-6**

A Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Community Atrium will be offered for all 3-6 year olds this fall on Wednesdays from 9:00-10:30am.

The Catechesis proclaims the message of Jesus to children by presenting His parables in a Montessori learning environment. Preschool children are attracted to the Good Shepherd’s abiding love for His sheep. They develop a special love for Jesus, the Good Shepherd, even before they realize that they are the sheep. The children hear the Bible story in the words of the catechist, using actual scripture verses, and discuss and reflect on what they heard.

To register go to https://permission.click/xGv7G/us
Contact Taylor Gruber with questions: tgruber@stjohns-excelsior.org

*Great opportunity for home-school families and those with children age 3-6 who are not enrolled in either the school or faith formation yet. Please help spread the word!*
**Chesterdon Academy Open House**  
**Tuesday, October 8th at 6:30pm**  
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**Catholic Women’s Conference**  
**Women in the New Evangelization (WINE)**  
**Saturday, October 5th 8:30am–3:30pm**

The Church of St. Mary’s in Alexandria  
Ignite your spirit! Join other women for a day of inspiration, faith, fellowship and fun! Cost is $65. Register online at anchorofhopeALEXeventbrite.com or call 347-676-1923.

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