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January 18, 2026 ♦ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

MISSION STATEMENT:

We are called together in fellowship to witness to our Catholic faith through prayer and the celebration of the sacraments. We give testimony to Jesus Christ by reaching out with compassion to others.

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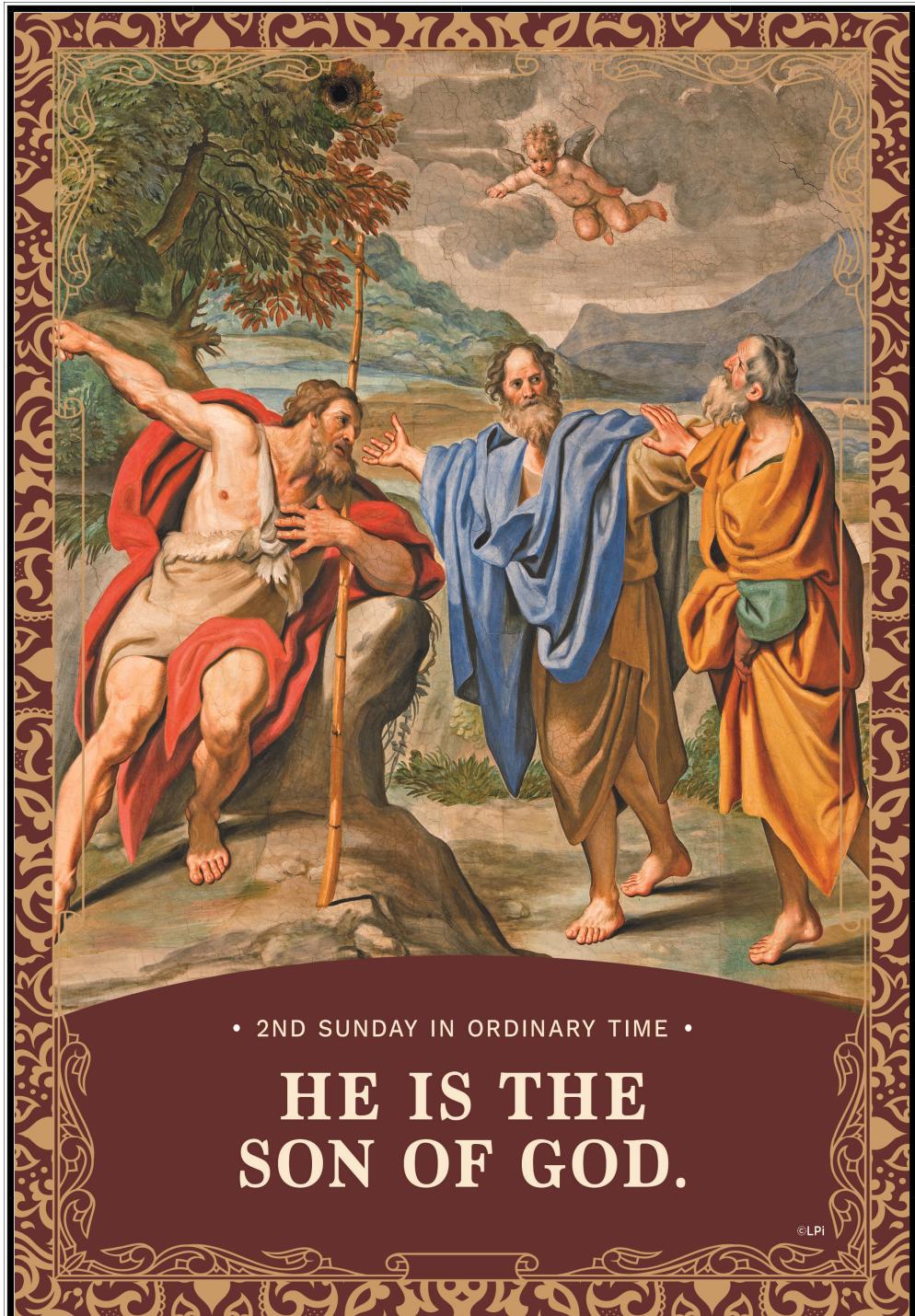
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From the Pastor

This Monday as I was putting away the last of my Christmas decorations and left with a house that felt somehow empty, I was reminded of a quote from the first of the Chronicles of Narnia - *the Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* that it was "always winter, but never Christmas".

And while that may be what this beginning of Ordinary Time feels like, we as Catholics are an incarnational Church. Not only is Christ truly present in the Eucharist we celebrate, adore, and worship, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are meant to abide in the hearts of all the faithful. This weekend's readings are a reflection on the mission of Christ, and how we are called to share in that redemptive work in both big ways and small ways.

One of the big ways for our parish happened this past Tuesday, when we had a special meeting to hear the proposals for the steeple fix. The Parish Council, Finance Council, and Buildings and Grounds Committee after hearing the options all decided that we should pursue the more expensive plan of replacing all the "new" brick. This planned work will be done *in situ* - meaning that while the steeple will be scaffolded for 3-6 months, it will not be removed. With a plan of action determined, the ball is back in Braun Intertec's court as they will now draw up contracts and finalize the scope of work. When we get that, we'll have another big meeting that like this one will be open to anyone, then (if approved) we will send the plan off for approval to the Archdiocese, and upon their approval, we can sign a contract and begin work.

As I hope you all know the steeple project has only been possible because of the sacrifice of this congregation, not just those who attended and voice their opinions, but the real financial sacrifices that have been made. Thank you, and please know of my prayers, and I would ask that you make a deliberate point to pray for one another, one of the small ways, that when done with great love, that we can share in the redemptive work to which we are called.

- Fr. John Powers

LUNCH AND CARDS

Join with fellow parishioners this Monday, January 19, in the social hall from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. A light lunch will be served (free will offering is appreciated). Cards to follow. Hosted by Angie Haggerty, member of the Mission and Media Committee and Parish Council. All are welcome! Hope to see you there!

Have a good day!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

It is not too late to join the study! The Bible Timeline: the Story of Salvation will teach us how to read and understand the entire Bible and introduce us to the wonderful narrative of Scripture in a way that will transform your life. Please join us this Monday evening in the Social Hall from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. No prior Bible Study experience is necessary! Please let Sheila Long know if you are interested in participating so that materials can be ordered. Also, reach out to Sheila with any questions: clongsh13@gmail.com or 763.428.4539.

MASS INTENTIONS

We have open dates in the Mass schedule for Mass intentions. Masses may be offered for the living or deceased and for various reasons like remembrance, thanksgiving, or special intentions. If you would like to schedule a mass intention, please call the parish office at 763.428.2828 or email sjbchurch@yahoo.com. The usual stipend is \$7.00.



STEWARSHIP REFLECTION

"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." - *Isaiah 49:5*

God have given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do, and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and become the saint that God is calling you to be.



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TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 5,800.00
Projected Need	\$ 5,607.00
Received Last Week	5,800.00
Projected Need to Date	162,603.00
Amount Received to Date	169,355.00
Surplus - Last Week	\$ 6,559.00
- This Week	6,752.00



THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone involved in helping decorate the church for the Christmas Season, to all who participated in the take down last Sunday, and to those who purchased poinsettia memorials to help beautify our worship space for the season. A special thank you to Kelly Slavik and Cindy Corrow-Belanger for all their time in touching up the bows and decorations prior to Christmas. We are grateful to everyone who committed their time and energy to this ministry. We receive many, many complements on how beautiful our church looks at Christmas.



EUCARISTIC ADORATION

St. John's offers regular Friday Eucharistic Adoration. Adoration takes place in our St.

Therese Chapel beginning after the Friday morning 8:00 a.m. Mass until 7:00 p.m. most Fridays. If you are willing to commit to an hour with our Lord, please sign up on the bulletin board near the vestibule. We invite all parishioners to stop by on Fridays and give some time to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested for Ed Wojciak, the brother of fellow parishioner Teri Ray, who passed away recently. May the Lord grant him eternal rest.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

ANNUAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR LIFE - All are invited to join Bishop Kevin Kenney at a prayer service to commemorate the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by the aftermath of an abortion, as we pray for life on Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Paul in St. Paul. MCCL's March for Life Rally will follow at the Minnesota State Capitol. All are invited and welcome. Find more information at archhspm.org/events/annual-prayer-service-for-life.

WINE: CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE - Saturday, Feb. 14, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., St. John Neumann, Eagan. The day begins with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Hebda and features inspirational talks by Barbara Heil, Dr. Kerry McMahon, and Leila Benoit, as well as the amazing music of Teresa Peterson. Opportunities for confession, adoration, shopping, prayer teams, and more! An optional Friday evening gathering includes a tremendous dinner, praise & worship, networking, and entertainment. Find more information and registration at catholicvineyard.com/event/wine-womens-conference.

RELEVANT RADIO 1330 AM - Take your faith beyond Sunday and into the rest of the week with Relevant Radio! It's Talk Radio for Catholic Life!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

TLC THIS WEEK - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

Our Pre-K through Confirmation age kids will meet again this Wednesday, January 21. We have sessions from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m., 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. If your children are unable to attend or if you have any other questions, please email Sarah at sarah.sjbchurch@gmail.com.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

The Wright County Serrans invite you to join in praying for our local seminarians and those in religious formation: Brother Jude Apostle, Trevor Thorp, Thomas Cain, Nathan Osen, Lindsay Rohr, Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus, and Bella Eckert, Sisters of Mary Morningstar, St. Michael, St. Michael; Elias Budke and Deacon Cullen Gallagher, St. Timothy, Maple Lake; Michael Perrault, Daniel Berning, Sister Ann Magdalene, Sisters of Mary Morning Star, St. Albert, Albertville; Sofia Nikula Carmelitas at the Monastery of the Infant of Prague, St. Francis Xavier, Buffalo; Bro. John Sester, Mary Queen of Peace, Rogers; Will Koppi, St. Boniface, St. Bonifacius and Little Sister Candice, Little Sisters of the Lamb, Church of St. Ignatius, Annandale; Steve Sustacek, St. Michael, St. Michael and Cory Plotts, St. Thomas the Apostle, Corcoran are in the Deaconate Formation Program. Jacinta Budke, St. Timothy, Maple Lake and Claire Ruhland and Ava Dietz, St. Michael are in NET Ministries. Isabelle Dick, Val Noel, Luke and Monica Eicher, St. Michael, St. Michael who are serving with FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students). Jack Gebert, St. Michael, St. Michael is a missionary with Damascus Catholic Mission. Oliva Engel, St. Michael, St. Michael in Urban Hearts Alaska, a mission. Also please pray for those who are discerning their vocation.

"Walk With Me" Vocation Prayer for those on their journey to ordination/final vows:

Loving God, we ask you to guide the men and women of this Archdiocese who are considering religious life and those already on their journey towards ordination or final vows. Bless them in their decisions. Strengthen them in their love for you and their desire to serve you in this special way. Hold them close to your heart, especially during difficult or troubled times. Shower them with your love and fill them with courage and joy as they study and prepare themselves for your work. We pray for all on their journey to religious life. May they feel our loving and prayerful support. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son. Amen.

SAINT'S QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Be patient with everyone, but above all with yourself...do not be disheartened by your imperfections, but always rise up with fresh courage."

- St. Frances de Sales 1567 - 1622, Feast Day - January 24

CATHOLIC Q & A

INSTRUCTION ON RECEIVING COMMUNION

Question: How many times a day can a person receive communion?

Answer: To find an answer to this question, we need to turn to the Church's Code of Canon Law. Here we read, "One who has received the blessed Eucharist may receive it again on the same day only within a Eucharistic celebration in which that person participates ..." (no. 917). This tells us that the standard answer would be that we can receive communion twice in a day.

Having said that, we also want to be sure that we pay attention to the entire instruction. The phrase "within a Eucharistic celebration in which that person participates" is important. It means a) that we always have to think of receiving communion as being within a celebration of the Mass and b) we have to be participants in that celebration – we can't simply show up "in time" for communion.

So, when would this rule apply? For example, if you attend Mass on a Saturday morning and then take part in the Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday evening, you could licitly receive communion at both celebrations. Or, another example, if you receive communion at a wedding or funeral Mass, you could also receive communion at a daily Mass or Sunday Vigil celebrated on the same day. We always want to be sure that we observe the rules for fasting from food and drink before receiving the eucharist (see Code of Canon Law, no. 919).

We should also remember that the Code of Canon Law instructs that anyone who is in danger of death or seriously ill may also receive communion a second time (no. 91, §2).

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KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS . . .

Bena Bourgeois, Marie Corbin, Ken Croteau, Lynn Eggert, Donna Rivers Hauan, Martha Killian, Jean Klee, Peggy Kohman, Wayne Lahn, Jane Lenz, Rick Marion, Mary Middleton, Barbara Mulcahy, Anné Otremba, Viola Plante, Jodi Playle, Catherine Schumacher, Dawn Storms Family, Tim Timm, Mary Watson, Billi Jo Weekley, and Sandi Weekley. Becky Bader (sister of Ed Bader), Ricky Bengtson, Mike Gullickson and Bill Southworth (friends of Marilyn Nordine), Mary Bebeau (sister-in-law of Dave Bebeau), Raymond Bernard (brother-in-law of Joan Playle), Lori Brix (sister of Elaine Wagner), Jeff Chouinard (son of Joanne Chouinard), Dennis Daleiden, Collette Hardy, Andy Heid, Nikki Martinez, Virginia Resler, Phillip Robinson and Joe Simms (friends of Lynn Eggert), Darrell Delles (brother-in-law of Joan Playle), Sarah Dietzler (friend of Kathy Timm), Julie Corbin Dray (niece of Joan Playle), Nancy Hobbs (sister of Linda Bebeau), Jerry Kamrow and Scott Knowlan (sons-in-law of Mary Kay Christian), Nancy Karls (friend of Mary Dahlheimer), Dawn Schmidt (friend of Joanne Chouinard), Dave Stasson (brother-in-law of Lucy McAlpine), and Dan and Kristy Zapf (grandchildren of Earl and Elaine Schulenburg).

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 18

7:30 a.m. Mass
Confessions following Mass till 8:45 a.m.
8:30 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. TLC Mass
Hospitality following Mass hosted by the KCs

Monday, January 19

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
12:00 p.m. Lunch & Cards (till 2:00 p.m.)
6:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation - The Bible Timeline:
The Story of Salvation, Social Hall
(till 7:30 p.m.)

Tuesday, January 20

6:30 p.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting, Social Hall

Wednesday, January 21

8:00 a.m. Mass
TLC Kid's Sessions

Thursday, January 22

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of
Unborn Children
8:00 a.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. Committee Meetings, Social Hall
7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting, Social Hall

Friday, January 23

7:30 a.m. Confessions
8:00 a.m. Mass
8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration (till 7:00 p.m.)

Saturday, January 24

4:00 p.m. Confessions (till 4:45 p.m.)
4:30 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, January 25

7:30 a.m. Mass
Confessions following Mass till 8:45 a.m.
8:30 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. Mass

NEW IN THE COMMUNITY? WE WELCOME YOU!

Please call the parish office at 763.428.2828 to register.

VATICAN UNVEILED

January 10 - February 1, Mall of America

In celebration of the 175th anniversary of the Catholic Church in Minnesota, the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is hosting Vatican Unveiled, an exhibit of the largest collection of papal artifacts outside of Rome. Father Richard Kunst, a priest of the Diocese of Duluth, serves as curator of the exhibit. Father Kunst has a deep knowledge of the items and a passion for telling their stories. Find more information at archspm.org/vaticanunveiled.



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