



CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

FAITH · FAMILY · FRIENDSHIP

February 8, 2026 ♦ Fifth 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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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.” - Mt 5:14



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
 Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30
 Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/
 Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/
 Mk 8:1-10
 Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/
 Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).
 Psalm — One who is just is a model for the righteous (Psalm 112).
 Second Reading — My message to you, says Paul, was not clever words of wisdom but the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).
 Gospel — You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-16).

CELEBRATIONS OF EUCHARIST:

Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
 Wednesday thru Friday 8:00 a.m.
 Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Friday: 7:30 - 7:50 a.m.
 Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.
 Sunday: Following 7:30 a.m. Mass until 8:45 a.m.
 Other times by appointment.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday by 9:00 a.m.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

We warmly welcome new parishioners and request that they register by calling the parish office.

BAPTISM:

Congratulations! We are excited to help you welcome your child into the Church. Parents must attend a Baptism Preparation Class prior to their child's baptism. Please call the parish office to register.

MARRIAGE:

Couples should contact the parish office as soon as possible after their engagement is announced. The preferred preparation period is 12 months. You must be a registered parishioner before setting a wedding date.

♿ HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE



Mass Intentions

9 Mon. **No Mass**
 10 Tue. 6:30 p.m. **No Mass**
 11 Wed. 8:00 a.m. **No Mass**
 12 Thu. 8:00 a.m. **No Mass**
 13 Fri. 8:00 a.m. **No Mass**
 14 Sat. 5:00 p.m. Phil and Bonnie (7 year anniv.)
 Novack ††
 15 Sun. 7:30 a.m. St. John the Baptist Parishioners
 9:00 a.m. Hilmer Hartman †



Next Weekend - February 14 and 15

5:00 P.M.

Ushers: Stacy Glass
 Patti Fodstad-Bouley
 Reader: Deb Sodman
 Server: Thomas Bouley
 Communion Minister: Ed Barder

7:30 A.M.

Ushers: Lisa Crosby & **Volunteer**
 Reader: Scott Theisen
 Server: Logan Crosby
 Communion Minister: Heidi Rzeszutek

9:00 A.M.

Ushers: TLC Students
 Reader: TLC Students
 Servers: TLC Students
 Communion Minister: Barb Carnes
 Children's Liturgy: Lead - Pam Leiran
 Aide - Alayna Leiran



SCRIP NEWS

Valentine's Day is just around the corner. Are you planning on taking your sweetheart out for dinner? We carry certificates for many restaurants for your evening out. Or maybe you're purchasing something a little more personal. Check out a Scrip order form for a complete list of all the possibilities for gift ideas.

Planning a winter getaway? Scrip offers pre-order certificates for hotels, airfare, gas stations and franchise restaurants that you find just about anywhere. Plan ahead and purchase Scrip before you leave town and help raise funds for St. John's ministries.

Scrip Sellers for Next Weekend

Feb. 14 5:00 p.m. Lynn Eggert & Morlene MacGregor
 15 7:30 a.m. Danna Larsen & **Volunteer**
 9:00 a.m. Pam Jordan & Benita Lefebvre



From the Pastor

This weekend the Church gives us very straightforward readings: The third part of Isaiah tells us that for our prayers to be heard, we must care for others - that is how we become light. Jesus tells us to be the light and the salt of the earth. St. Paul reminds the Corinthians that our faith relies not on our strength or power, but Jesus. Easy to summarize, but I think much harder for us to live out, because even in my profession working for the Church, it is easy to get caught up in all the on-goings and events of the day, and rest on my own power, rather than Jesus.

And when I, or you, or anyone else does that, we lose perspective, and we forget that at the core of everything we do is meant to be one thing: friendship with Jesus. The Lord calls us to be light and salt, to go out and to care, to be his witnesses, because Jesus wants us to grow in union with him.

We live in an age that particularly seeks to fill our time: not to be too snobbish, but modern sport entertainment is a perfect example of this. Friday, I spent most of my night watching the opening ceremonies for the Winter Olympics which didn't include a single actual event; this Sunday is the Super Bowl - and many of us will spend 4-5 hours in front of our TVs for approximately 15 minutes of actual play time. We must work against the trend, and I think it is particularly important for us to retake some of the time that society expects us to fill with social media and binge watching, for prayer and working on that friendship with the Lord.

To work on my own friendship with the Lord, there will be no daily masses this week, I'll be away on retreat this coming week February 8-13. When I get back, we will almost be to Ash Wednesday, and Lent, which is a great season the Church gives us to grow in friendship with the Lord.

- Fr. John Powers



SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Mission and Media Committee invites you to join them for the 2nd Annual Spaghetti Dinner following the 5:00 p.m.

Mass this Saturday, February 7. Dinner will be served from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. followed by a social hour until 8:00 p.m. On the menu: spaghetti (meatballs on the side), garlic bread, Caesar salad, root beer floats and a variety of beverages. Free will offering accepted and appreciated.

TRAVELERS For nationwide Mass times and locations visit www.Masstimes.org.

BREAKFAST BUFFET

The Dayton Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Breakfast Buffet next Sunday, February 15, 2026, serving from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in the Church Social Hall. On the menu: French toast, pancakes, grilled pork loin, sausage patties, potatoes, scrambled eggs, coffee, milk, juice, and water. The Knights are asking for a goodwill offering to raise money for a variety of charities they support. Please consider making a generous donation. We accept cash, check, credit card/electronic payment. We invite you to attend with your family, friends and co-workers. Make plans to come and enjoy the great food and hospitality.

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. To schedule a mass intention, please contact the parish office at 763.428.2828 or email sjbchurch@yahoo.com. The usual stipend is \$7.00.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." - Matthew 5:16

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people, and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God's gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them, and they don't put themselves above the people they have been called to help.

PARISH SUPPORT



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Adult Envelopes (44)	\$ 3,126.00
Plate and Non-Parishioners	670.00
Holy Day Offerings (2)	45.00
First Offering (2)	45.00
Automatic Deposits (24)	<u>1,726.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 5,612.00
Projected Need	\$ 5,607.00
Received Last Week	5,612.00
Projected Need to Date	179,424.00
Amount Received to Date	186,165.00
Surplus - Last Week	\$ 6,736.00
- This Week	6,741.00





EUCCHARISTIC 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.



C.R.O.S.S. FOOD SHELF NEWS

Monthly Collection - This weekend is our regular time to contribute non-perishable food and dry good items to the local food shelf. Please place your donation of items in one of the bins located at the exits. Monetary donations and/or Scrip gift cards may be placed in an envelope marked "Food Shelf" and dropped in the regular Sunday collection basket.

EASTER CANDLE

If you would like to purchase the Easter Candle for this coming Easter as a memorial for a loved one, please contact the parish office at 763.428.2828. The cost of the Easter Candle is \$500.00.



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CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

The 2026 Catholic Services Appeal kicks off this weekend! When you give to the Catholic Services Appeal, you partner with fellow Catholics to share Christ's love with neighbors in need through ministries that serve the poor, support life and strengthen the Faith. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to CSA. Visit love.archspm.org for more information and to donate online or scan the QR code here.

Donate to the 2026
Catholic Services Appeal



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LOOKING AHEAD → ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 18 is Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of Lent. Masses with the blessing and distribution of ashes will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

MESSAGE RECLINER CHAIR FOR SALE

One of our parishioners received a delivery from Amazon by mistake of a massage recliner chair. She has no use for it and has donated it (per instructions from Amazon) to our church to sell with the proceeds going to our church. It is brand new, in the carton. You may view the details of it by visiting Amazon.com and searching "VUYSUYVY Massage Chair". The chair retails for \$760.00. No reasonable offer will be refused. If you are interested in making an offer, please call the parish office at 763.428.2828.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

TLC THIS WEEK - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Our Pre-K through Confirmation age kids will meet again this Wednesday, February 11. 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD HELPERS

NEEDED - We are looking for some new people to help with Children's Liturgy of the Word. This is the program where the younger children, age 3 through about age 7, go into the chapel during the first half of Mass. Each week we have a "lead" that teaches a simple lesson which our Faith Formation Director prepares ahead of time and we also have an "aide" who is really just there as an extra person to help for supervision. We have a google calendar to keep track of who is helping each week to make sure there are two of us. We could really use a couple more people so that our volunteers are only having to help once every month or so. You can be a parent of one of these age kids, or of an older kid, that does not matter. There is some training, and a background check required for safety reasons. Please email Sarah Moylan at sarah.sjbchurch@gmail.com if you are interested in helping.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD CATE-

CHIST TRAINING - Andrea Zachman, Director of CGS at St. Michael Catholic Church in St. Michael is offering a Level 1 training in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd this summer. If you are interested in becoming a CGS catechist this is a great opportunity for training. St. John's Faith Formation Program would love to sponsor a parishioner who's interested in volunteering as a catechist. If you are interested or have questions please reach out to Sarah Moylan at sarah.sjbchurch@gmail.com.

BEST LENT EVER

If you could ask God for ANYTHING this Lent...what would it be? Do you need healing? Do you need clarity? Are you or someone you love seeking the solution to an impossible problem? Our God is a God of miracles. It's time to encounter Him like never before. Join Matthew Kelly for BEST LENT EVER and make a spiritual pilgrimage through *33 Days of Miracles, Wonders and Grace* - a brand new consecration experience. Each day, starting on Ash Wednesday, you'll receive a short, FREE video in your Inbox from Matthew Kelly that will take you through thirty-three mind-blowing events that will deepen your faith, renew your sense of wonder, and help you see miracles all around you. Are you ready to have your BEST LENT EVER? Sign up today at www.dynamiccatholic.com.

CATHOLIC Q & A

NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCES

Question: Are near-death experiences real?

Answer: There is a lot of curiosity and fascination with the idea of an afterlife and communicating with those who have died. In movies, television shows, and numerous books, people make claims about their ability to communicate with the dead, or having had a near-death experience. There is no objective way to verify any of this. While details about people and events can be surprisingly accurate, it is just circumstantial evidence that might be explained in other ways.

On the other hand, when people have unusual experiences, sometimes called near-death or out-of-body, it is real to them. They react with the emotions and thoughts that one would expect. At times, they report details they could not have known any other way, such as bits of conversation, or meeting people they had never known in this life. So certainly, to the person, they experience something. We believe in a life after death, we believe in the communion of saints. These things are not a contradiction to faith, but we should not base our faith on them, nor change our beliefs. They are unexplained and will likely remain so.

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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 Barder (sister of Ed Barder), 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), Edgar Zachman (father of Cindy Gibbs), and Dan and Kristy Zapf (grandchildren of Earl and Elaine Schulenburg).

ARE YOU NEW IN THE PARISH? WE WELCOME YOU! If you would like to register as a parishioner of St. John the Baptist, please call the parish office at 763.428.2828.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 8

World Day for Consecrated Life
World Marriage Day
International Day of Prayer and Awareness
Against Human Trafficking

7:30 a.m. Mass
Confessions following Mass till 8:45 a.m.
8:30 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. Mass
Catholic Svcs Appeal Commitment Weekend
Food Shelf Collection Weekend

Monday, February 9

6:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation - The Bible Timeline:
The Story of Salvation, Social Hall
(till 7:30 p.m.)

Tuesday, February 10

No 6:30 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, February 11

World Day of the Sick
No 8:00 a.m. Mass
TLC Kid's Sessions

Thursday, February 12

No 8:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, February 13

No Confessions
No 8:00 a.m. Mass
No Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, February 14

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



Sunday, February 15

7:30 a.m. Mass
Confessions following Mass till 8:45 a.m.
8:30 a.m. Rosary
8:30 a.m. Knights of Columbus Breakfast Buffet
(serving till 11:30 a.m.)
9:00 a.m. TLC Mass

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The Liturgical Minister Schedule Request Form for March and April included in last weekend's bulletin is due next weekend. All liturgical ministers as well as Scrip sellers are asked to please fill out and return one of these forms as this helps considerably in the scheduling process. **We are earnestly seeking additional ministers to help fill the 7:30 a.m. Mass ministries.** Additional forms are located at the exits. Please consider offering your gifts to serve your parish community as a Liturgical Minister. Thank you!

Have a  good day!

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