

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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February 22, 2026 ♦ First Sunday of Lent

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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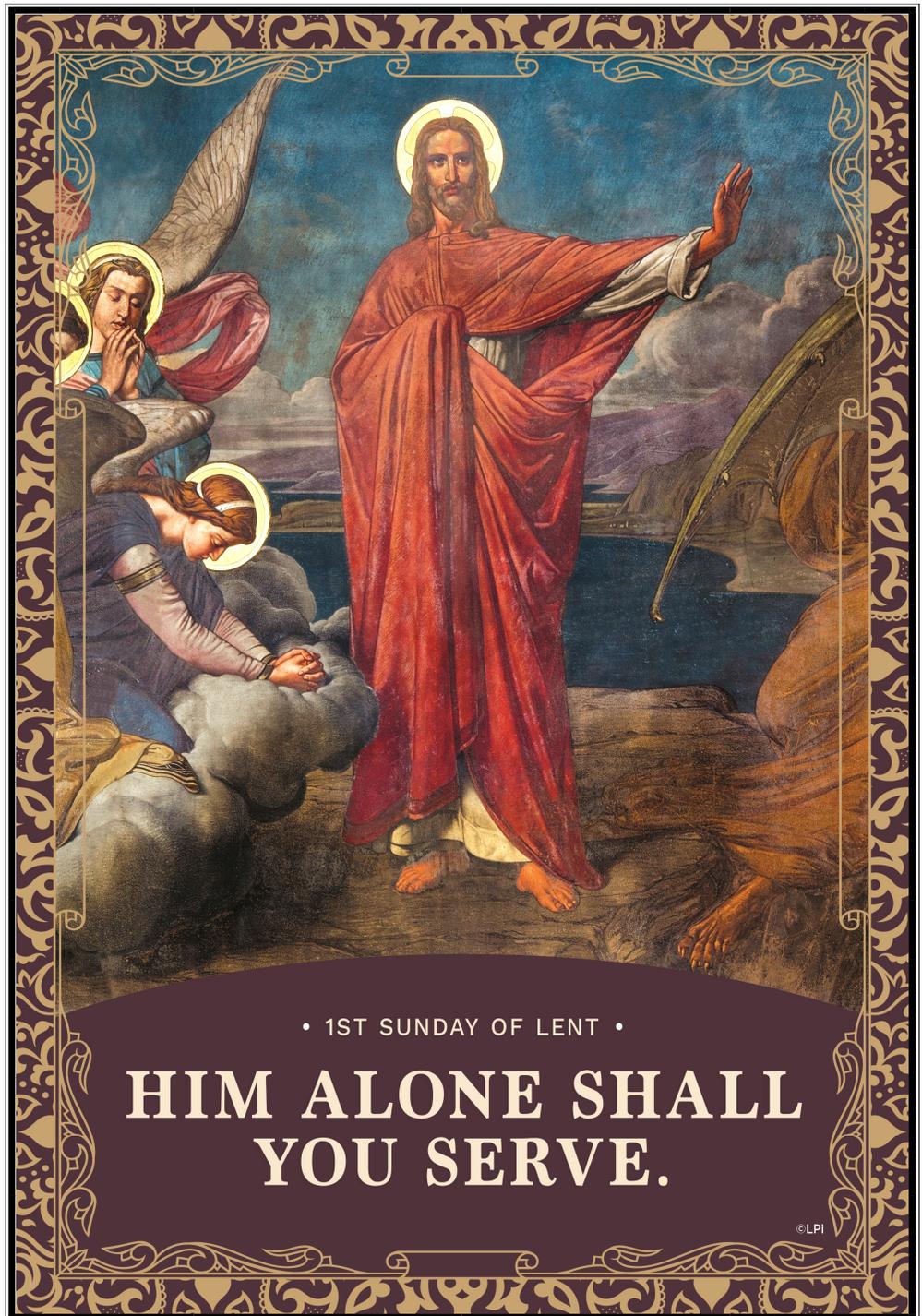
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19/
Mt 4:1-11
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/
Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/
Mt 17:1-9



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life. (Gn 2:7)
Psalm — Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. (Ps 51)
Second Reading — For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous. (Rom 5:19)
Gospel — At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights. (Mt 4:1-2)

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

23 Mon. **No Mass**
24 Tue. 6:30 p.m. LaVerne Glass †
25 Wed. 8:00 a.m. Nicollette Moore †
26 Thu. 8:00 a.m. Jim Chouinard †
27 Fri. 8:00 a.m. Bev Lahn †
28 Sat. 5:00 p.m. Raymond Bouley, Jr. †
(31 year anniv.)
1 Sun. 7:30 a.m. St. John the Baptist Parishioners
9:00 a.m. Edgar Zachman (health)



Next Weekend - February 28 and March 1

5:00 P.M.

Ushers: Lynn Eggert
Cathrine Beauchene
Reader: Rena Hales
Server: Jude and George Walton
Communion Minister: Kelly Slavik

7:30 A.M.

Ushers: Melissa and Mason Reining
Reader: Bill Zbaracki
Servers: Asher and Brooklyn Reining
Communion Minister: Jake Reining

9:00 A.M.

Ushers: Dennis and Nancy Wheeler
Reader: Cindy Gibbs
Servers: Danny and Josh Moylan
Communion Minister: Barb Carnes
Children's Liturgy: Lead - Sarah Moylan
Aide - Rose McCann



SCRIP NEWS

Scrip is fundraising while you shop. Our program allows St. John's parishioners to purchase gift certificates for every day expenses like food, clothing, gas, and entertainment while earning a percentage of each dollar of SCRIP purchased back in revenue for St. John's. So instead of writing checks at the gas station and the grocery store, you write a check to St. John's and receive gift cards for the merchants you patronize for those items. The certificates are purchased in bulk at a discount and sold at face value.

Scrip Sellers for Next Weekend

Feb. 28 5:00 p.m. Steve and Kelly Slavik
Mar. 1 7:30 a.m. Deanna Larsen and **Volunteer**
9:00 a.m. Bernice Petersen and Darlene Hagel



From the Pastor

Two of the key concepts from St. John Paul II's theology of the body are original solitude and original union. JP II didn't invent the concepts but draws upon a storied history that involved scholars such as Edith Stein - St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. But these ideas come from and are at work in this weekend's readings. Adam and Eve are made for relationship, with each other, with God - original union but find themselves alone - Adam before Eve's creation; Eve in the account of the fall - original solitude. Because they are unable to reconcile the two, our first parents fall, and although we do not share in their personal sin, that original union is lost and we all suffer the consequence in original sin.

Jesus comes to reconcile us to the Father and shows us that even when alone in the desert, in that solitude, our Lord is not alone, because He is always in relationship with God the Father. As St. Paul says in our second reading, sin came through Adam, but redemption comes through Jesus Christ.

That is at least the theology, but what that means for us in the practical as we begin this season of Lent is that we are called to look at our lives and to see those places that we keep separate from God, be it sins, be it places that we feel really confident in so we don't need God. Those are the places that we need to invite the Lord in, not just because it's Lent but because we are made for union with God. Because it is Lent, I would encourage you by your practices, by your actions of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, to grow in relationship with God and the Church, and to offer those places and your entire heart to the Lord.

- Fr. John Powers

WE REMEMBER

Yvonne Marie (Guimont) Olson

September 19, 1941 - February 9, 2026

Your prayers are requested for fellow parishioner, Yvonne Olson, who passed away recently and for her family. Yvonne is preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Edella Guimont; and her sister-in-law, Gloria. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Roger; son, Gregory (Victoria); daughter, Lanise (Aaron) Burchland; six grandchildren, Kaley (Nick) Long, Carson, Ella, Katelynn, Cade and Ryan; her siblings, Dennis, Dale (Ruth), Daryl (Mary), David (Beverly), Douglas (Sheila), Mary Kay (Roger), and Dan; and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. The Mass of Christian Burial for Yvonne will take place here at St. John's this Monday, February 23 at 11:00 a.m. preceded by a visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m. May the Lord grant her eternal rest. We extend our sincere sympathy to her entire family and friends.

EASTER PLANT MEMORIALS

If you would like to have one or more of the Easter plants which adorn the sanctuary area for the Easter season as a memorial for a deceased loved one, please put your name and the name(s) of the one(s) being remembered in an envelope along with \$14.00 for each plant and drop it in the regular Sunday collection basket or mail it to the church. Deadline for memorial requests is March 29.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWL



Lent: A Time of Preparation CRS

Rice Bowl brings Catholics across the U.S. together each Lent to respond to

global hunger and poverty through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. During this holy season, let us recommit to sharing bread for life with our global family, so that all people can reach their God-given potential. Rice Bowls are available at the exits. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Fridays of Lent. Please join us for this traditional Lenten Devotion.

OLD PALMS COLLECTION

You are invited to bring your old palms to church with you from now until Holy Saturday evening. Please place them in the collection bins located at the entrances of the church. We will burn the palms in the Easter Fire at the Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday.

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.

PARISH  SUPPORT



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Adult Envelopes (58)	\$ 3,420.00
Plate and Non-Parishioners	624.00
Ash Wednesday Offering (1)	20.00
Automatic Deposits (17)	<u>951.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 5,015.00
Projected Need	\$ 5,607.00
Received Last Week	5,015.00
Projected Need to Date	190,638.00
Amount Received to Date	198,114.00
Surplus - Last Week	\$ 8,068.00
- This Week	7,476.00

Thank you for your generosity!

RECLAIMING SUNDAYS

The focus of the third and fourth year of the Synod Implementation Plan centers on the family and parents as primary educators of their children. The Year 3 initiative has been subtitled "Reclaiming Sundays" and each parish of the Archdiocese is asked to assist this effort. Each month we will give you a new theme and some sample activities to help you put into practice that theme in order to help you live out the gift of Sunday to its fullest.

February - No/Low-Tech Sundays and Prayer

"Sometimes we prove hard of heart and mind; we are forgetful, distracted and carried away by the limitless possibilities for consumption and distraction offered by contemporary society." - *Evangelii Gaudium 196* The endless distraction of smart phones is well known. A device marketed to unite and connect has in many instances had an alternative impact. Create space in the interior of your heart to receive the blessing of God by turning off the distractions. Sample Activities for February:

- Turn off phones during dinner or all day.
- Stow devices or commit to not responding to emails, or engage in social media-free Sundays.
- If you choose to lessen media, try replacing that time with playing family games or reading books aloud together.
- Incorporate some kind of technology fast in your family's Lenten plan. Adults - lead by example!
- Liturgical Living: Attend Stations of the Cross at your parish or pray a family-friendly version at home. (Start with 14 lit candles and extinguish one after each station.)
- Recommended resource to assist in building habits of prayer is the Hallow App.



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS . . .

Bena Bourgeois, Karmina Calva, Marie Corbin, Ken Croteau, Donna Rivers Hauan, Martha Killian, Jean Klee, Peggy Kohman, Wayne Lahn, Jane Lenz, Rick Marion, Mary Middleton, Barbara Mulcahy, Anné Otreмба, 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), Julie Corbin Dray (niece of Joan Playle), Dave Foster (brother of Char Barder), 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).

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

TLC THIS WEEK - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Our Pre-K through Confirmation age kids will meet again this Wednesday, February 25. 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.

SAVE THE DATE - FRIDAY, MARCH 6

Soup Supper 6:00 p.m. & Children's Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m. The Religious Education Board is hosting a Soup Supper with profits helping to sponsor those attending Extreme Faith Camp this summer. Please join us before Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 6 for a variety of meatless soups, grilled cheese sandwiches and salads. Dinner served from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Afterward beginning at 7 pm are Stations of the Cross led by the youth of the parish.

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 - 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 at sarah.sjbchurch@gmail.com if you are interested in helping.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD CATECHIST 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.

WE WELCOME IN BAPTISM

Simeon Ambrose Morris

son of Michael and Katie Morris
baptized on Saturday, February 14, 2026

We welcome our newest member in Baptism. We congratulate his family and pray that this child will grow in wisdom and grace before all.

CATHOLIC Q & A

TAKE UP OUR CROSS

Question: What does Jesus mean when he talks about taking up our cross?

Answer: Our journey of faith begins in baptism. When we are faithful to it, we find God’s plan for us, his way of allowing us to participate in his saving work, which in turn becomes for us our own salvation. Stated simply, we share in the mission of Jesus each day. We live our life with all of its ups, downs, joys, and sorrows in union with the mission of Jesus. Our work then is holy. It is joined to the cross, God’s will for Jesus — the way in which he destroys sin and death and makes eternal life possible. His sacrifice accomplishes what we ourselves cannot do.

To take up the cross, then, means that we share in the mission of Jesus and so embrace the sufferings of the cross. It is our daily life made holy, given a redemptive mission. It is our purpose and goal to unite our life to that of Christ. St. Paul says it best, “If we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection” (Rom 6:5).

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LENTEN REGULATION REMINDER

The Christian faithful are called to do penance through prayer, fasting, abstinence and by exercising works of piety and charity throughout the season of Lent. All Fridays through the year, and especially during Lent, are penitential days.

Abstinence All who have reached their 14th birthday are to abstain from eating meat (beast or fowl) on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays during Lent. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - All the faithful who have reached the age of reason (second grade) are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins as least once a year. Lent is a good time to fulfill this precept of the Church.

Lenten Observances - Each weekday of Lent is also an obligatory day of penance. Some recommendations include the participation in daily Mass, increased prayer or spiritual study, self-imposed fasting or abstinence, Eucharistic adoration, works of charity, generosity to programs which benefit others especially the poor, and participation in traditional Lenten Devotions.

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 22

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

Monday, February 23

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

Tuesday, February 24

- 6:30 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, February 25

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- TLC Kid’s Sessions

Thursday, February 26

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 6:00 p.m. Sub-Committee Meetings, Social Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting, Social Hall

Friday, February 27

- Day of Abstinence
- 7:30 a.m. Confessions (till 7:50 a.m.)
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration (till 7:00 p.m.)
- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 28

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

Sunday, March 1

- Second Sunday of Lent
- 7:30 a.m. Mass
- Confessions following Mass till 8:45 a.m.
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 9:00 a.m. Mass

FIVE MINUTES WITH THE WORD

During the Season of Lent, please take a few minutes a day and use *The Word Among Us* to grow closer to the Lord and prepare for Holy Week and Easter. Copies are provided by the parish and are located at the church exits. Please pick one up for your family and start a new Lenten tradition!



CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

The 2026 Catholic Services Appeal is in progress. 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.

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