



CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

FAITH · FAMILY · FRIENDSHIP

April 6, 2025 ♦ Fifth 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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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." - Jn 8:6b-7



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a,
3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
(2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD does something new for the chosen people (Isaiah 43:16-21).
Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).
Second Reading — The supreme good is knowing Jesus as Lord (Philippians 3:8-14).
Gospel — A woman caught in the act of adultery is brought to Jesus. He challenges anyone without sin to throw the first stone (John 8:1-11).

CELEBRATIONS OF EUCHARIST:

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Friday 7:30 - 7:50 a.m.
Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 - 8:40 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



7 Mon.		No Mass
8 Tue.	6:30 p.m.	Pat Gill (Living)
9 Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Joan Job †
10 Thu.	8:00 a.m.	Mary Eull †
11 Fri.	8:00 a.m.	Jim Chouinard †
12 Sat.	5:00 p.m.	Susan Gill †
13 Sun.	9:00 a.m.	St. John the Baptist Parishioners



Next Weekend - April 12 and 13

5:00 P.M.

Ushers:	Thomas Bouley and Stacy Glass
Readers:	Sheila Long Michael Gilman
Server:	Charlie Kennedy
Communion Minister:	Rena Hales

9:00 A.M.

Ushers:	Dennis and Nancy Wheeler
Readers:	Dan Lefebvre Scott Theisen
Server:	Logan Crosby
Communion Minister:	Beth Perry
Children's Liturgy:	No Children's Liturgy



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS . . .

Bena Bourgeois, Marie Corbin, Ken Croteau, Lynn Eggert, Dan Fodstad-Bouley, Donna Rivers, Hauan, Bob Huss, Martha Killian, Wayne Lahn, Jane Lenz, Rick Marion, Barbara Mulcahy, Marilyn Nordine, Anné Otremba, Viola Plante, Jodi Playle, Catherine Schumacher, Mary Watson, Billi Jo Weekley, Sandi Weekley, and Anne (Loftus) Whiting. Becky Barder (sister of Ed Barder), Raymond Bernard (brother-in-law of Joan Playle), Linda Chase (daughter of Jim and Bonnie Haberle), Jeff Chouinard (son of Joanne Chouinard), Tammy Courtright (sister of Sue Harff), Cora Dawsey (granddaughter of Steve and Kelly Slavik), Sandy Delgehausen (friend of Tim and Kathy Timm), Darrell Delles (brother-in-law of Joan Playle), Julie Corbin Dray (niece of Joan Playle), John Elfa (cousin of Kathy Timm), Mike Gullickson and Bill Southworth (friends of Marilyn Nordine), Wayne Jurmu (father of Barb Carnes), Gregory Killian (son of Martha Killian), Scott Knowlan (son-in-law of Mary Christian), Jeff Nettleton (friend of Russ and Teri Ray), Virginia Resler and Phillip Robinson (friends of Lynn Eggert), Dawn Schmidt (friend of Joanne Chouinard), Dave Stasson (brother-in-law of Lucy McAlpine), Karla Storlein (cousin of Tim Timm), Carol Ticky (sister of Mary Dahlheimer), Michelle Tuomisto (Teri Ray's nephew's wife), and Dan and Kritsty Zapf (grandson and granddaughter of Earl and Elaine Schulenburg).



From the Pastor

One of the basic concepts of the Bible are parallels - looking for places where ideas or concepts repeat. For example, next week, in our Lord's triumphant entry, not only are there the same events recounted in the Gospels, but they cite earlier scripture, and the events mirror Solomon's coronation. You can extend these parallels past the Bible into cultural concepts and extend them forward in time to apply to our own lives. My inclination to this weekend's Gospel is to look for parallels, and there are two important ones: the story of Susanna in Daniel 13 and the rape of Lucretia, who brought about the end of the Roman kings and the introduction of the Roman Republic.

There is one big difference to those parallels: Susanna and Lucretia are both innocent and this unnamed woman is caught in the act of adultery. There is certainly a double standard at work, that the man isn't also dragged in front of Jesus (which is a parallel), but the fact is she is guilty. This guilt brings us to our modern parallel - we also are all guilty of sins, we also deserve condemnation, but through the same mercy of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and told to go and sin no more.

- Fr. John Powers

➡ LOOKING AHEAD ➡ HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 17 - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 18 - Stations of the Cross will be held at 3:00 p.m. Evening service of the Lord's Passion will be held at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 19 - The Easter Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 20 - Masses celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord will be at 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS

With the recent addition of the Tuesday evening Mass, 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.

Have a  good day!



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 a specially marked envelope and dropped in the regular Sunday collection basket.



BAKE SALE NEXT WEEKEND

The CCW will be sponsoring a Bake Sale next weekend, April 12 and 13. Get out your recipes and find something special to help fill the Bake Sale tables. . . breads, cookies, bars, coffee cakes, candy, pies, muffins, snacks (salty or sweet), cupcakes, jams, jellies, or anything else you love baking. Please **label and price your items** and if ingredients include nuts please note what kind on the label for those with allergies. The Bake Sale will be held in the social hall after both Masses next weekend.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"...For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..." - *Philippians 3:8*

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts - our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works, and our treasure to support the Church helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us from becoming a slave to our possessions. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for the glory of ourselves.



OFFERTORY • MARCH 30, 2025

Adult Envelopes (48)	\$ 2,057.00
Plate and Non-Parishioners	776.00
Misc. Contribution	250.00
Automatic Deposits (20)	817.00
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 3,900.00
Projected Need	\$ 5,243.00
Received Last Week	3,900.00
Projected Need to Date	209,720.00
Amount Received to Date	220,689.00
Surplus - Last Week	\$ 12,312.00
- This Week	10,969.00



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Fridays of Lent.

CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN UP

We ask that all wreaths and old flowers be removed from St. John the Baptist Cemetery as soon as possible. Beginning April 14, we will begin removing any wreaths and unsightly flowers that remain in the cemetery.

SPRING PLANT FUNDRAISER

St John the Baptist is sponsoring a Spring Plant Fundraiser featuring annuals, vegetables and perennials. Order forms are available at the tables located at both exits of the church - be sure to include your name and phone number when ordering. Place your order forms in an envelope along with payment and drop them in the regular Sunday offering basket. The deadline for ordering is **next Sunday**, April 13 for delivery Friday, May 2. Proceeds will benefit our church and its vital ministries.

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 \$13.00 for each plant and drop it in the regular Sunday collection basket or mail it to the church. Deadline for memorial requests is April 13.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Because of early publication deadlines, all bulletin information for the April 20 Easter bulletin by Wednesday, April 9.

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.



OPERATION RICE BOWL

United in Generosity as One Global

Family - Amid the harsh conditions of the Sahel region's 1976 drought, millions faced hunger. That same year, Catholics worldwide gathered at the 41st International Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia, focusing on "The Eucharist and the Hungers of the Human Family." As Lent draws to a close, let's reflect on how our prayers, fasting and almsgiving can help ensure no one goes hungry in the middle of today's global food crisis. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-5 to read this week's Story of Hope. Rice Bowls are available at the exits.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

TLC KIDS - THIS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

Our Pre-K through Confirmation age kids will meet again this Wednesday, April 2. We have sessions from 5:30 - 6:30, 6:00 - 7:00 and 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., with the Confirmation class meeting from 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. If your children are unable to attend or if you have any other questions, please email Sarah at sarah.sjbchurch@gmail.com.

BUYING STOCK IN YOUTH

Thank you to all who are supporting our youth through funds and prayers. Your generosity is so greatly appreciated! If you would still like to donate to help send our youth to Extreme Faith Camp, you can drop your donation in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Buying Stock".

MINISTERS NEEDED FOR EASTER MASSES

We are still in need of the following help for the **Easter Sunday** Masses: Ushers for the 9:00 a.m. Mass, Altar Servers for the 7:00 a.m. Mass, and 2 Scrip Sellers for 7:00 a.m. Mass. Please call or email the parish office if you can help.

LUNCH AND CARDS

Join with fellow parishioners on Monday, April 14 in the social hall from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. A light lunch will be served (free will offering appreciated). Cards to follow. Bring a friend. We hope to see you there! Hosted by Angie Haggerty, member of the Evangelization Committee and Parish Council.

POPE'S APRIL PRAYER INTENTION

For the use of the new technologies: Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

HOLY SPIRIT ACADEMY FIT FOR LIFE - Experience faith, fitness and nature on a 5k at Holy Spirit Academy's annual Fit for Life fundraising event held at the beautiful Lake Rebecca Park Reserve in Rockford, MN! Join us on May 3 at 10:00 a.m. to support faithful Catholic education. The cost is \$30 with a \$100 family cap. Register by April 7 for a free T-shirt! See more details and register at holyspiritacademy.org/fit-for-life.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS - St. Michael Catholic Church in St. Michael will present the Living Stations of the Cross on Palm Sunday and Good Friday at 8:00 p.m. The Living Stations is a dramatic presentation of the Passion and Death of Jesus. Visit www.stmcatholicchurch.org for more info.

PRIESTHOOD

Question: If someone is interested in becoming a priest, how does he go about it?

Answer: Discerning a vocation can happen in any number of ways. It might come as a surprise to the person called or to family or friends. Sometimes it is a gradual process, and other times it is as quick and bright as lightning. Regardless of how it starts, a vocation to the priesthood or religious life requires a process of discerning, testing, and preparing. The best place to begin would be with lots of prayer, receiving the sacraments, and attending daily Mass whenever possible. Then talk to your pastor or a priest you know and trust. Your diocese may have a vocation director who can provide you with guidance and information. The Serra Club is also a great resource for information and contacts to help you discern if indeed God is calling you.

Remember that many young Catholic men have considered the priesthood. Some are ordained and others realize this is not their calling. However, we are all called to be of service to others as we practice our faith. These are extraordinary times in which we live, and they require an extraordinary witness to faith and to God's presence in the world. Our work, our ministry as Catholics, is to be the body of Christ with and for others. The Church needs priests. If God calls you to ordained service in the church, He will provide the grace, direction, and support you need. Just listen and respond with all your heart, mind, and soul.

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MUSIC DIRECTOR JOB OPENING

St. John's is seeking to hire a Music Director. Duties include: Planning for the music for weekend and special liturgies, provide accompaniment for the parish music worship program for both weekend liturgies, coordinate the work of the volunteer choir including recruiting, training and support; maintain instruments; and attend monthly Liturgy Committee meetings. Parish music experience preferred. See full position description on our website. Please send Cover letter, resumé and references to: P.O. Box 201, Dayton, MN 55327 or email sjbchurch@yahoo.com.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

The 2025 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.

St. John the Baptist's Parish Goal is \$14,532. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to CSAF. Visit love.archspm.org for more information and to donate online or scan this QR code.



THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 6

8:00 a.m. Confessions (till 8:40 a.m.)
8:30 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. Mass
Food Shelf Collection Weekend

Tuesday, April 8

6:30 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, April 9

8:00 a.m. Mass
TLC Kid's Sessions
5:30 p.m. Confessions (till 7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, April 10

8:00 a.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday, April 11

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, April 12

4:00 p.m. Confessions (till 4:30 p.m.)
4:30 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass
CCW Bake Sale

Sunday, April 13

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
8:00 a.m. Confessions (till 8:40 a.m.)
8:30 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. Mass
CCW Bake Sale

NEW IN THE COMMUNITY? WE WELCOME YOU!

If you would like to become a member of our parish family, please call the parish office at 763.428.2828.

SAINT'S QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Do not have any anxiety about the future. Leave everything in God's hands for he will take care of you."

- St. John Baptist de la Salle (1651-1751), Feast Day April 7



SCRIP NEWS

Easter Shopping - Use Scrip gift cards for all your Easter shopping needs. For filling your Easter baskets and purchasing dinner supplies, we carry Coborn's, Cub Foods, Walmart, Walgreen's and Target plus we have many other merchants for your Easter decorating and Spring wardrobe purchases.

Scrip Sellers for Next Weekend

Apr. 12 5:00 p.m. Pam Jordan and Chrissy Kennedy
13 9:00 a.m. Lisa Crosby and Darlene Hagel



**Liturgical Minister and Scrip Seller
Schedule Request Form
May - June 2025**

Name(s): _____ Telephone: (H) _____
Address: _____ (W) _____
Email: _____

New ministers welcome!

- Please ✓ all that apply:
- ☐ I/We would like to join the liturgical ministry team.
 - ☐ I/We currently serve as liturgical ministers.
 - ☐ I/We would like to return to the ministry schedule.
 - ☐ I/We do not wish to serve during this time.
 - ☐ I/We no longer wish to serve.

- Please fill in family member(s) name and ✓ which ministry you prefer:

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>Name(s)</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Reader	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Altar Server	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Usher	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communion Minister	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Choir	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> SCRIP Seller	_____

- Please ✓ which Mass time(s) you wish to be scheduled for:

☐ Saturday 5:00 P.M. ☐ Willing to minister at either Mass
☐ Sunday 9:00 A.M.

- Please list any weekend dates you will not be available for scheduling from May 1 - June 30:

Dates: _____ Dates: _____
Dates: _____ Dates: _____

- Please ✓ if you would be willing to minister for:

☐ 10:00 A.M. May 26 - Memorial Day

Please return this form to the church no later than **Sunday April 20, 2025** by dropping it in the Sunday collection basket, emailing to sjbchurch@yahoo.com or by mailing it to the parish office at P.O. Box 201, Dayton, MN 55327-0201.

If you have any questions, please call Patti Fodstad-Bouley at 763.428.2828.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Clearing a Path

God our Father,
you are our protector and our comfort.
You have done great things for us:
you make a way
amid hopelessness
and despite our sinfulness.
Your forgiveness knows no bounds,

and though we weep now,
we know we will soon rejoice.
Help us announce your praise,
relinquish our judgment of others,
and live with our sights set on
pursuing you.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Boundless Mercy



Today's readings: Isaiah 43:16–21; Psalm 126:1–2, 2–3, 4–5, 6; Philippians 3:8–14; John 8:1–11. A crowd begins to gather to hear Jesus teach in the temple. The scribes and the Pharisees bring forth a woman who had been caught in adultery. After forcing her to stand in the middle of the crowd, they test Jesus, asking what the woman's punishment should be. The law states that she should be stoned for her sin.

Jesus writes on the ground, and John leaves it to our imagination as to what his words might be. Though Jesus' written words are not revealed, the Gospel records him as saying, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." He bends down again and writes on the ground a second time. Then people leave, per-

haps humbled in the realization that they are sinners and do not have the ability to judge someone else for their sins. Have you condemned or judged another for their wrongdoing? Imagine what Jesus might write on the ground in front of you to encourage you to grow in mercy.

After the woman has been humiliated and brought to the center of a crowd (a crowd well aware of the punishment for her actions), Jesus tells her that she is not condemned. Imagine the shock and relief this woman likely felt. This Sunday, as you listen to the Gospel being proclaimed, bask in God's boundless mercy. Allow yourself to join this woman as she experiences God's unconditional love. How can you let this inspire you to be better and "not sin any more"?



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 7

Live Jesus in Our Hearts

St. John Baptist de La Salle, a passionate educator, is the patron saint of teachers. As a priest, he dedicated his time to making education accessible to impoverished children. He was devoted to training and directing teachers so they could best serve in their classrooms. De La Salle founded the De La Salle Christian Brothers, who operate education centers around the world. The Lasallian community's expression of faith is to "Live Jesus in our hearts . . . forever." St. John Baptist de La Salle, pray for us. *Today's readings: Daniel 13:1–9, 15–17, 19–30, 33–62 or 13:41c–62; Psalm 23:1–3a, 3b–4, 5, 6; John 8:12–20.*

Tuesday, April 8

Speaking This Way

"Many came to believe in him [Jesus]" because of the way he spoke. His preaching focused on radical service, compassionate forgiveness, and always pointed to God the Father. How do you speak and carry yourself? Does it point to God? How can you speak in a way that is pleasing to God? *Today's readings: Numbers 21:4–9; Psalm 102:2–3, 16–18, 19–21; John 8:21–30.*

Wednesday, April 9

Be Free

Jesus responds to the Jews: "Everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin." To be free from sin, we must actively choose to turn to God, repent, and resolve to do better. As we approach Holy Week, schedule a time to receive the sacrament of reconciliation. Before doing so, prepare yourself with an examination of conscience. Consider journaling as a part of your prayerful reflection and bringing this to your confession. Indeed, the truth will set us free! *Today's readings: Daniel 3:14–20, 91–92; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; John 8:31–42.*

Thursday, April 10

Friendship with Jesus

Jesus answers the Jews who are persecuting him: he tells them that he knows the Father. They continue to challenge him and, in today's Gospel, throw stones at him. Set time aside today to reflect on your friendship with Jesus. What have you done to cultivate a friendship with him? What have you done to "throw stones" at him? As a part of your reflection, resolve to an action you can commit that will help you grow in relationship with Jesus: consider attending daily Mass, spending time serving someone who is impoverished, reading the Bible regularly, or visiting the elderly. *Today's readings: Genesis 17:3–9; Psalm 105:4–5, 6–7, 8–9; John 8:51–59.*

Friday, April 11

He Heard

Joining the psalmist today, we proclaim: "In my distress I called upon the Lord, and he heard my voice." The Lord is with us in our joys and sorrows. Before you go to sleep tonight, pray with today's psalm. Begin with the sign of the cross. Read the psalm once to familiarize yourself with it. Read it a second time, paying attention to what the psalmist calls God: strength, fortress, shield. *Today's readings: Jeremiah 20:10–13; Psalm 18:2–3a, 3bc–4, 5–6, 7; John 10:31–42.*

Saturday, April 12

Preparing

The end of Lent is near. Holy Week begins tomorrow with Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. Reflect on your Lenten journey today. Before Holy Week begins, check when your parish celebrates the Sacred Paschal Triduum. Set aside time to participate in this liturgy. *Today's readings: Ezekiel 37:21–28; Jeremiah 31:10, 11–12abcd, 13; John 11:45–56.*



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