

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

FAITH · FAMILY · FRIENDSHIP

August 23, 2026 ♦ Twenty-first 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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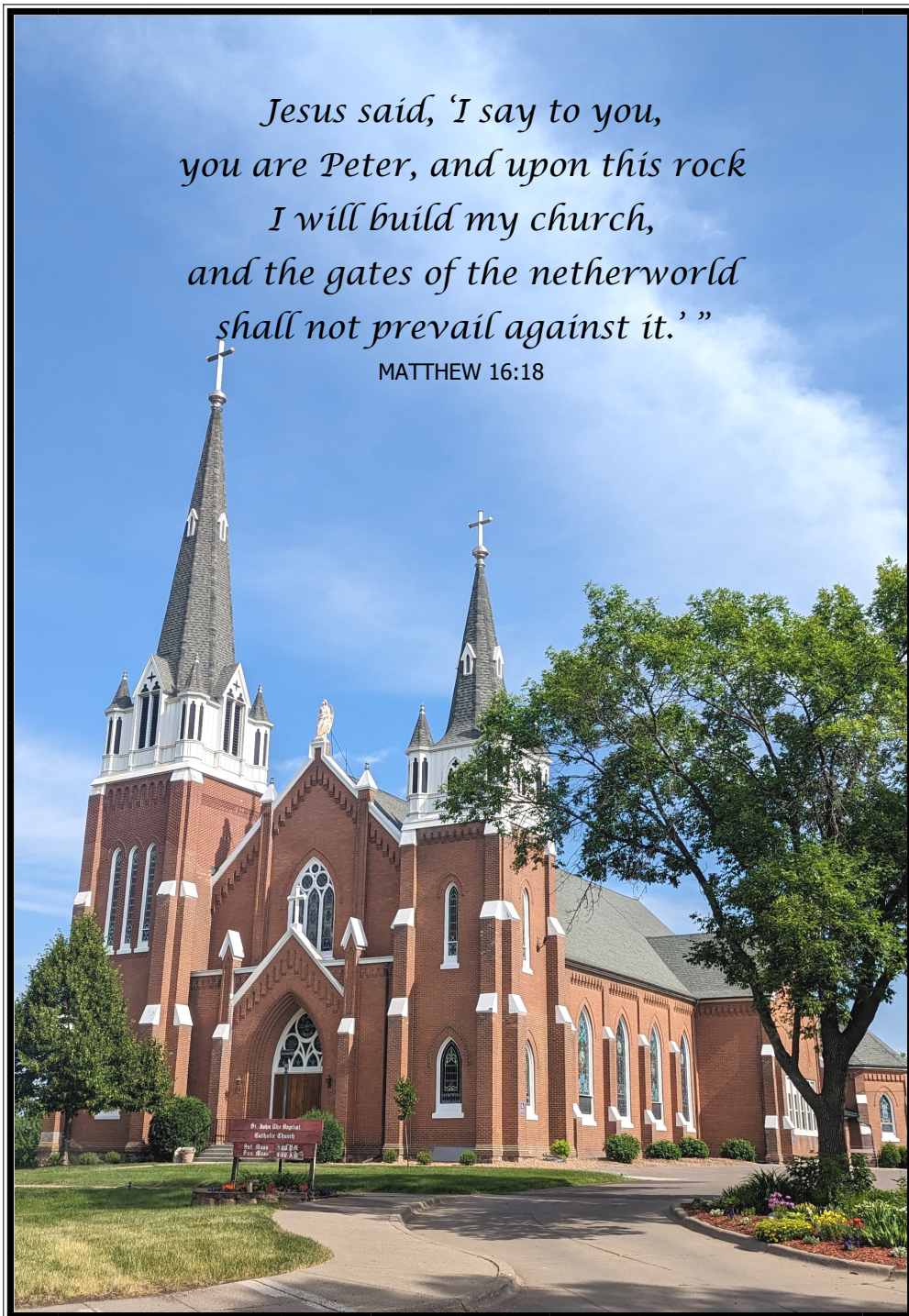
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*Jesus said, 'I say to you,
you are Peter, and upon this rock
I will build my church,
and the gates of the netherworld
shall not prevail against it.' "*

MATTHEW 16:18





READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/Rom 11:33-36/
Mt 16:13-20
Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mk 6:17-29
Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/
Mt 16:21-27



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).

Psalm — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).

Gospel — Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Christ" (Matthew 16:13-20).

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

24 Mon.		No Mass
25 Tue.	6:30 p.m.	Brittney and Chris Deason ++
26 Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Harold Grandprey (living)
27 Thu.	8:00 a.m.	Harper Moyski, Fletcher Merkel ++ and Annunciation School and Parish
28 Fri.	8:00 a.m.	Renee Good +
29 Sat.	5:00 p.m.	Cec and Marian Grandprey ++
30 Sun.	7:30 a.m.	John Reining +
	9:00 a.m.	St. John the Baptist Parishioners



LITURGICAL ROLES



Next Weekend - August 29 and 30

5:00 P.M.

Ushers: Stacy Glass
Teri Ray
Reader: Rena Hales
Server: Thomas Bouley
Communion Minister: Kelly Slavik

7:30 A.M.

Ushers: Russ Ray
Lisa Crosby
Reader: Cindy Gibbs
Server: **Volunteer Needed**
Communion Minister: Cindy Gibbs

9:00 A.M.

Ushers: Dennis and Nancy Wheeler
Reader: Scott Theisen
Servers: Josh and Bianca Moylan
Communion Minister: Jo Theisen



SCRIP NEWS

Back to School Shopping - Use Scrip gift cards to make your Back-to-School purchases. We carry in stock Walmart and Target. Or you can pre-order for merchants like Kohl's, Office Max/Office Depot, JCPenney, Gap, Foot Locker, Marshall's, Nike, Old Navy, Best Buy, TJMaxx, etc.

Scrip Sellers for Next Weekend

Aug. 29	5:00 p.m.	Steve and Kelly Slavik
30	7:30 a.m.	Deanna Larsen Joanne Chouinard
	9:00 a.m.	Darlene Hagel Jim Penick



From the Pastor

This weekend's readings are themed around the Petrine ministry of the Church - the central role that Peter and his successors, the bishops of Rome, the Popes, have in maintaining unity amongst the members of the Church. We as Catholics believe that because of this central role, on matters of faith and morals when teaching in their official role, the Pope cannot error; the Holy Spirit won't allow him to, and often times when doing so one of the central verses of today's Gospel is cited - Matthew 16:18 "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against you."

While I believe this to be true, and you as Catholics ought to, there is one problem with citing that verse, and that is a misunderstanding of how siege warfare works. See, we can often feel like we're the ones holding out against Satan and his forces, we need to stay strong against spiritual attacks and the ills of our day, but that's not how gates work. Gates are there to keep people out, and if we're talking about the gates of hell, that means that we are the ones attacking hell, not vice versa.

That is because this world is subject to sin and we read often in the Bible that this world is ruled by evil and Satan, but Jesus changes this. Our Lord conquers sin; Jesus conquers evil and Satan; and it is our job as Christians to make this victory known through the proclamation of the Gospel and to live it out in our lives, as members of the Church who are united with Peter's successor, Pope Leo XIV, and to grow in unity with him, and Jesus Christ, whose vicar he is.

- Fr. John Powers

HEADING BACK TO SCHOOL THIS FALL?



Bring your backpack to church next weekend, August 29 and 30, for a special **Back-to-School Blessing** for a successful year

from Father John Powers! Don't have a backpack or forgot to bring it? No problem! Come up and receive a blessing anyway. We look forward to celebrating the new school year with you!

MASS INTENTIONS

We have open dates in the Mass schedule for Mass intentions. Most of these dates are for weekday Masses. 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 sjb-church@yahoo.com. The usual stipend is \$7.00.



SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

C.R.O.S.S. is holding its annual School Supply Drive from now through August 24. All school supplies and cash donations are being accepted. Please leave your donations in the food shelf bins at the entrances.

Items needed: backpacks, colored pencils (12 count pkg.), Crayola Crayons (24 count pkg.), #2 pencils (10/12 pack), wide or narrow washable markers (8 - 12 colors pack), dry erase markers, black sharpies - fine point, yellow highlighters, scissors (blunt, 7 inch adult, or pointed), spiral notebooks or loose leaf paper (college/wide-ruled), Elmer's white school glue, glue sticks, black, blue or red pens, pocket folders (colored), 12" ruler (cm/"), watercolor paints, zippered pencil pouches, #2 mechanical pencils (10/12 pack), and erasers.

Have a  good day!



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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" - Romans 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

PARISH SUPPORT



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Adult Envelopes (49)	\$ 2,365.00
Plate and Non-Parishioners	370.00
Automatic Deposits (17)	<u>700.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 3,435.00

ASSUMPTION • AUGUST 15, 2026

Adult Envelopes (13)	\$ 335.00
Plate and Non-Parishioners	<u>57.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 392.00
Projected Need	\$ 5,776.00
Received Last Week	3,827.00
Projected Need to Date	40,432.00
Amount Received to Date	36,206.00
Deficit - Last Week	\$ 2,277.00
- This Week	4,226.00



RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

HOLY WOMEN OF THE BIBLE RETREAT - Saturday, October 10, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at St. Patrick, Edina. Four Catholic speakers will talk about Our Blessed Mother, St. Anne, St. Elizabeth, Sts. Martha & Mary, Deborah, Esther, Ruth & Naomi. Learn how we can derive strength from these Holy Women, especially our Blessed Mother & say YES to God's will for our lives! Retreat day includes breakfast & lunch, Mass, Adoration & Rosary, social hour w/shopping & door prizes! Each woman will receive a leather journal & pen. First 50 to register receive an amazonite rosary bracelet blessed with Lourdes water! Find more information and register at stppatrick-edina.org/womensretreat.

FRANCISCAN RETREATS AND SPIRITUALITY CNETER in Prior Lake has scheduled the following Fall retreats:

"Healing Takes Time" Grief Weekend Retreat - September 18 - 20. This retreat focuses on six different types of grief: loss of spouse, loss of child, loss through suicide, pregnancy and infant loss, loss of sibling/parent, and loss through homicide. There will be main speakers with breakout sessions that will be facilitated by those who have experienced similar losses. Intended to be a spiritual healing experience. 1:1 spiritual direction. Mass offered. Find more information and registration at franciscanretreats.net/hope-united-grief-group-retreat.

Women's Midweek Retreat - September 8-10. Step away from the noise and life's demands for a comforting weekend of peace with God, nestled on 60 gorgeous acres of nature. The pace is relaxed and self-directed. The beautiful chapel invites participation in Morning Prayer, themed conferences, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, Anointing of the Sick and 1:1 spiritual direction. Private bedrooms and delicious meals cooked onsite. Socialize by the fireplace, relax in the library, take in the fresh air and views, all while focused on God. Find more information and registration at franciscanretreats.net/womens-midweek-catholic-retreat-september.

Silent Retreat for Men and Women - September 24-27. Peace is a given among 60 acres of woods and prairie grass with lovely lakeside sunsets. The gorgeous nature beckons reflection and restoration as you breathe deeply, releasing your struggles, burdens, and racing thoughts toward a sense of serenity. Sit with yourself and Jesus over four days of quietness. Immerse yourself in guided prayer, themed conferences, confession, adoration and Mass. Private bedroom suite with meals cooked onsite. Pray with the labyrinth and outdoor Stations of the Cross. Find more information and registration at franciscanretreats.net/silent-catholic-retreat-men-women-september.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION - TLC Registration Forms are now available at the entrances of the church. For questions about our faith formation program, please contact our Director of Religious Education, Sarah Moylan at sarah.sjbchurch@gmail.com or call 763.428.2828.

FAITH FORMATION OPEN HOUSE - Sunday, August 30 feel free to stop by after the 9:00 a.m. Mass for a tour of the Faith Formation classroom or to ask any questions about Religious Education here at St John's.

NEXT STEP IN THE FAITH JOURNEY FOR YOUR COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENT

As your child prepares to leave for college, consider the fact that over 80% of students stop practicing the faith in college. Many students say it's because they didn't receive an invite! Let's change this! Newman Ministry can help connect students to the Catholic ministry on their chosen college campus. This simple connection will help ensure that they get that invite that many never receive. Easy to implement and a little commitment, this program can help you deliver big time for your child and have an even greater effect on the future of the Church. Go to <http://newmanministry.com> to learn more.

FESTIVAL YARD SIGNS

If you see any of the small yard signs advertising our Parish Festival still out as you are driving about, please pick them up and return them to the social hall of the church so they may be reused next year. Thank you.

PRAYER INTENTION FROM THE DIOCESE OF KITUI, KENYA - Our partnership diocese in Kitui thanks God for providing Bishop Elect Monsignor John Mwandia to guide their diocese. May God grant him good health and wisdom to lead the Diocese of Kitui under Divine Providence.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE: FOR THOSE WHO LOST A CHILD BEFORE BIRTH

Saturday, October 17 - 10:00 a.m. at Gethsemane Cemetery Chapel Mausoleum, New Hope. This special service of remembrance is for anyone who lost a child before birth, whether recently or many years ago. During this ritual, each family is called forth, where they may name their child. They also light a candle to honor and remember their child. This service offers a safe place to acknowledge the children who died before birth. All are welcome to this free event. Registration is required. Find more information at catholic-cemeteries.org/events.

CATHOLIC Q & A

TEN COMMANDMENTS

Question: In Sunday school, the students are studying the Ten Commandments. I know that kids are important in the eyes of God, so I'm just wondering why there isn't a commandment about honoring children.

Answer: Commandments provide EOO-Equal Opportunity for Observance! They are meant for everyone, children as well as adults. There are several assumptions that would make such a commandment a bit redundant. One, children are entrusted to the care of their parents. So, respect, love, and care — as well as teaching them — are assumed to be part of the responsibility of parents. They are the first teachers in the ways of faith and, as such, participate in God's work of loving and creating. The child has the obligation and responsibility towards their parents. Only when they are adults will they make decisions on their own.

In Biblical times, and in many societies today, children are responsible for caring for elderly parents, providing for their needs. In our culture today, too often kids have more rights than responsibilities, and oftentimes long before they are able to handle them. If we follow the Commandment of Jesus to love others and treat them as we would want to be treated, everyone is included, children too.

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KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS . . .

Linda Bebeau, Stephen Bouley, Bena Bourgeois, Ken Croteau, Lynn Eggert, Jenny Enga, Daniel Fessler, Donna Rivers Hauan, Martha Killian, Jean Klee, Peggy Kohman, Wayne Lahn, Rick Marion, Bruce & Mary Middleton, Barbara Mulcahy, Anné Otremba, Deacon Sherman Otto, Rodney Peterson, Viola Plante, Jodi Playle, Greg Rosnow, Catherine Schumacher, Dawn Storms Family, Mary Watson, Billi Jo Weekley, and Sandi Weekley. Becky Barder (sister of Ed Barder), Ricky Bengtson, Mary Sue Bertrand Bistodeau (friend of Paulette Orr), Mike Gullickson and Bill Southworth (friends of Marilyn Nordine), Raymond Bernard (brother-in-law of Joan Playle), Georgia Dockerty (friends of Elaine Sand-Schulenburg), Anderson Boss and Nancy Karls (friends of Mary Dahlheimer), Jeff Chouinard (son of Joanne Chouinard), Dennis Daleiden, Collette Hardy, Andy Heid, Virginia Resler 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), Joyce Jurmu (mother of Barb Carnes), Jerry Kamrow and Scott Knowlan (sons-in-law of Mary Kay Christian), Linda Ryther (sister of Mary Dahlheimer), Dawn Schmidt (friend of Joanne Chouinard), Dave Stasson (brother-in-law of Lucy McAlpine), Tim and Elvera Thiesen Family (family of Linda Bebeau), Kathleen Weik (sister of Teri Ray), Edgar Zachman (father of Cindy Gibbs), and Dan and Kristy Zapf (grand-children of Earl and Elaine Schulenburg).

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 23

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

Tuesday, August 25

6:30 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, August 26

8:00 a.m. Mass
6:30 p.m. Seasons of Hope - Bereaved Parents' Small Group Meeting (till 8:00 p.m.)

Thursday, August 27

8:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, August 28

7:30 a.m. Confessions
8:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday, August 29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist
4:00 p.m. Confessions (till 4:45 p.m.)
4:30 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass
Backpack Blessing at Mass

Sunday, August 30

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

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.

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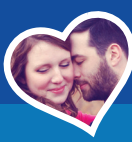
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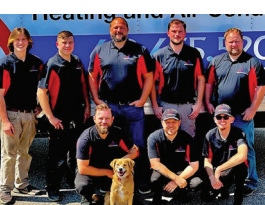
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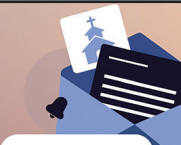


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