Church of St. John the Baptist

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November 8, 2026 ◆ Thirty-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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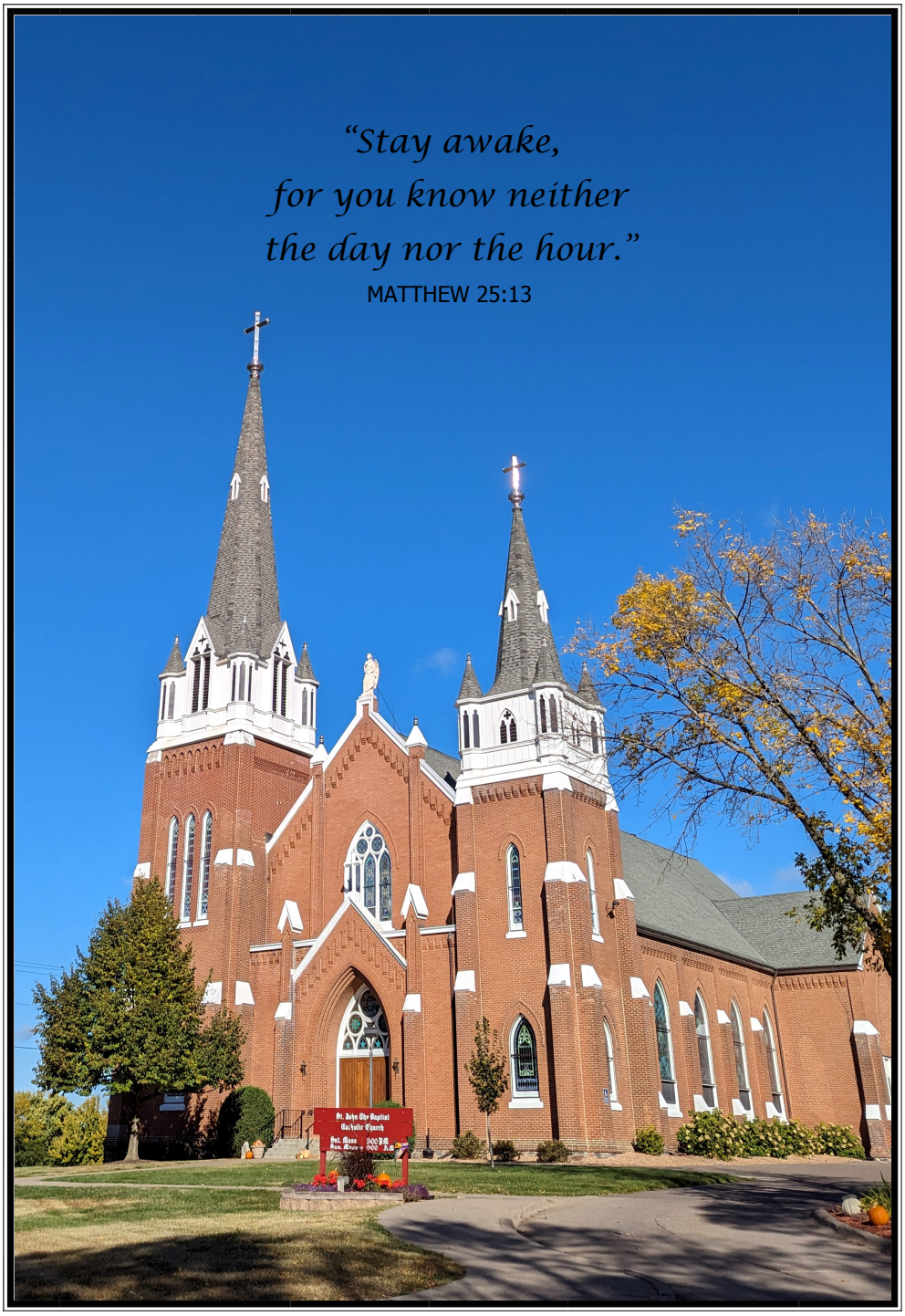



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/1 Thes 4:13-18/ Mt 25:1-13
Monday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday:	Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29/ Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday:	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/ 1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (Wisdom 6:12-16).
Psalm — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).
Second Reading — Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).
Gospel — Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (Matthew 25:1-13).

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.	Phyllis Lahn † (12 year anniv.)
11	Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Edgar Zachman (health)
12	Thu.	8:00 a.m.	George Kerber † (8 year anniv.)
13	Fri.	8:00 a.m.	Merlin and Mildred Dahlheimer Family - Living and Deceased
14	Sat.	5:00 p.m.	Richard Schumacher † (1 year anniv.)
15	Sun.	7:30 a.m.	St. John the Baptist Parishioners
		9:00 a.m.	Bev Lahn †

LITURGICAL ROLES

Next Weekend - November 14 and 15

5:00 P.M.

Ushers:	Dawn Kennedy
	Stacy Glass
Reader:	Rena Hales
Server:	Thomas Bouley
Communion Minister:	Kelly Slavik

7:30 A.M.

Ushers:	Mary Gagnon
	Melissa Reining
Reader:	Terry McAlpine
Server:	Brooklyn and Asher Reining
Communion Minister:	Jake Reining

9:00 A.M.

Ushers:	Rob and Barb Carnes
Reader:	Scott Theisen
Servers:	Jude and George Walton
Communion Minister:	Jo Theisen
Children's Liturgy:	Lead: Lisa Crosby
	Aide: Regina Moylan



SCRIP NEWS

Fall Travel - Remember to help pump-up our profits by purchasing Scrip gift cards for your gasoline needs before heading out of town. We carry in inventory Kwik Trip, SuperAmerica, and Holiday cards. Or you can pre-order for BP, Exxon, Marathon, Mobil, or Shell.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner - Use SCRIP gift cards for all your Thanksgiving indoor and outdoor decorating and supplies for your Thanksgiving dinner.

Scrip Sellers for Next Weekend

Nov. 14	5:00 p.m.	Steve and Kelly Slavik
15	7:30 a.m.	Linda McAlpine & **Volunteer**
	9:00 a.m.	Joanne Chouinard & Darlene Hagel

From the Pastor

This weekend our readings take a marked shift as we approach the end of the liturgical year: we look to the end of time and the return of Christ. People can get a little jumpy about these things when we use the phrase end times or Apocalypse, so the modern Church has switch its preference to talking about the eschaton - which has the same connotations in the original languages but allows us to stress what we are looking for - the fulfillment of all things in our Lord Jesus Christ.

One of my favorite examples of this comes from Pope St. John Paul II. One of his most frequently repeated statements was "Do not be afraid" - do not be afraid to trust in Christ, to be who the Lord created you to be, to follow after the Lord. He would tell this not just to people living comfortably, but people living under dictatorships, under the state oppression of communism, those living in poverty, and even to himself as he was dying slowly of Parkinson's.

One example of this was JPII's pastoral visit to Chile in 1987. To put it mildly, Chile was in a rough spot in the late 80's, having been under military dictatorship since the early 70's. John Paul's visit would be a catalyst that would directly result in the slow restoration of democracy by 1990, but not knowing any of that, on the evening of April 2 of 1987, John Paul addressed a packed stadium of young adults:

"Look to the Lord! What do you see? Is he just a wise man? No, he is more than that. Is he a prophet? Yes, but he is much more than that. Is he a social reformer? Much more than a reformer, much more, much more. Look at the Lord with attentive eyes and you will discover in him the very face of God. Jesus is the word that God had to say to the world. He is God himself who has come to share our existence. With every single one! When touched by Jesus, life bursts forth. Far from him, there is only darkness and death. You thirst for life, what life? Life eternal, eternal life! Seek him! And you shall find him who not only gives life but who is life itself… Love always triumphs, love always triumphs, as Christ has triumphed; love has triumphed! Love always triumphs, although sometimes, in the face of specific events and situations, we may seem powerless. Christ seemed powerless on the cross. God can always do more."

~ Fr. John Powers

ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

If you are new to the area (or maybe not so new) and would like to become a member of our parish family, you can register by calling the parish office at 763.428.2828.

PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY SIGNUPS ARE IN PROGRESS!

New date added - Tuesday, December 1. To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to https://schedule.ucdir.com, click on Photography Session Sign-Up, then enter
Church Code field: **MN692**
Church Password field: MNPARISH692
Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. **ASTERISK (*) INDICATES REQUIRED FIELDS.** If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. **Schedule soon to secure your preferred date and time. Manual sign-up sheets will also be available at all weekend masses.** You can also click on the QR code.

TRAVELERS - For nationwide Mass times and locations call 1.858.207.6277 or go to www.Masstimes.org.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." - Matthew 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? Don't delay. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

CHURCH SUPPORT

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Adult Envelopes (62)	$ 2,770.00
Plate and Non-Parishioners	469.00
All Saints' Day Offerings (11)	295.00
Misc. Contribution - QCD	1,000.00
Misc. Contribution - DAF Giving	400.00
Automatic Deposits (17)	843.00
TOTAL RECEIVED	$ 5,777.00
Projected Need	$ 5,776.00
Received Last Week	5,777.00
Projected Need to Date	103,968.00
Amount Received to Date	96,911.00
Deficit - Last Week	$ 7,058.00
- This Week	7,057.00

Thank You

JOIN US FOR TURKEY BINGO



Everyone is invited to come play Turkey Bingo on Friday, November 20**,** beginning at 6:00 p.m. The cost is $9.00 which includes a card to play all 15 games of Bingo and a complimentary meal of chicken soup, sandwich, salad, crackers, dessert and beverage. Additional cards are $6.00 each. We will also play some additional "Half-the-Take" games. This is a fun opportunity to come together with your fellow parishioners and build community. Mark your calendars and plan on bringing the entire family, your friends, neighbors or maybe an elderly person who couldn't get out otherwise and join us for an enjoyable evening and an opportunity to win your Thanksgiving turkey!

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Throughout the month of November, the month dedicated to remembering our beloved dead, there will be the Book of Remembrance on display in which you can place the names of your deceased relatives and friends. We will remember them in a special way in our Masses all month long.

PRAYER FOR VETERANS' DAY

Heavenly Father, we lift up to You all veterans who have served with faith and honor. We ask that You grant them peace, healing, and comfort. May they feel the love and gratitude of our hearts, and may Your grace surround them always. For those struggling with wounds seen and unseen, we ask for Your healing hand. Bless them abundantly, and remind us all to walk in their example of sacrifice and love. Amen.

Thank you, Veterans, for your faith and courage. We honor you this Veterans' Day (Wednesday, November 11) and every day with hearts full of gratitude and prayer.

FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



St. John's has Eucharistic Adoration most Fridays beginning after the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 7:00 p.m. and on most Wednesday evenings during TLC from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. We are in need of adorers to commit to regular shifts - please sign up on the bulletin board near the vestibule. We invite all parishioners to stop by on Wednesday evenings or Fridays and give some time - whether is be 10 minutes, a half hour or more - to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

POPE'S NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

For the proper use of wealth - Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

TLC THIS WEEK - We have Faith Formation this week with TLC Kids on Monday at 2:30 p.m. and Wednesday sessions at 5:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. If your children are unable to attend or if you have any other questions, please email Sarah at sarah.sjbchurch@gmail.com.

CEMETERY UPKEEP

To help keep our cemetery looking cared for, we ask those who had live flowers on gravesites this summer to please remove the empty pots from the cemetery. Also, for those who will not be placing wreaths or artificial flowers on the gravesites this winter, we ask you to remove the plant stands, if possible, for the winter months.

AUTOMATIC DEDUCTION FOR YOUR SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

We would like to remind those who will be going south for the winter months of the option of having automatic deduction for your Sunday stewardship commitment. This is a good way to continue your financial support for the needs of your parish while away from the parish. You can submit a request to have the funds transferred directly from your bank on a weekly, monthly or any time basis you choose. Enrollment forms are available by calling the parish office at 763.428.2828.

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Come and See why students and families love Mary Queen of Peace Catholic School! We are holding an Open House on Saturday, November 14 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. 10:00 Welcome, 10:10 kids play time and parent presentation, 10:30 Tour and Q&A, and 10:45 pick up children and depart. For more info or to RSVP, email ksester@mqpcatholic.org.

RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

UPCOMING RETREATS AT THE FRANCISCAN RETREAT CENTER in Prior Lake. A spiritual oasis awaits you among 60 acres of wooded nature with prairie grasses, lake views, and wildlife. Central among this lush landscape is a chapel, library, labyrinth, outhdoor Stations of the Cross and group lounges.

December 2, 9, 16	Advent Days of Prayer
December 4-6	Serenity Retreat (for those in Recovery)
December 11-13	Men's Weekend Retreat

For more information or to register visit https://www.FranciscanRtreats.net/Calendar-1 or call 952.447.2182

CATHOLIC Q & A

LIGHTING CANDLES IN CHURCH

Question: Why do Catholics light candles in church?

Answer: Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death.

The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically "shining a light" on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints.

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THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 8
7:30 a.m. Mass
Confessions following Mass till 8:45 a.m.
8:30 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. Mass
Food Shelf Collection Weekend

Monday, November 9
Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
6:00 p.m. Small Group Meeting, Church
6:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation - The Bible Timeline: Social Hall (till 7:30 p.m.)

Tuesday, November 10
6:30 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, November 11
Veterans' Day
8:00 a.m. Mass
TLC Kid's Sessions
5:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (till 8:00 p.m.)

Thursday, November 12
8:00 a.m. Mass
2:00 p.m. Photo Directory Sessions (till 9:00 p.m.)

Friday, November 13
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.)
2:00 p.m. Photo Directory Sessions (till 9:00 p.m.)

Saturday, November 14
10:00 a.m. Photo Directory Sessions (till 4:00 p.m.)
4:00 p.m. Confessions (till 4:45 p.m.)
4:30 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass
Hospitality after Mass hosted by the KCs

Sunday, November 15
7:30 a.m. Mass
Confessions following Mass till 8:45 a.m.
8:30 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. Mass
Hospitality after Mass hosted by the KCs



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS . . .

Stephen Bouley, Bena Bourgeois, Ken Croteau, Lynn Eggert, Jenny Enga, Daniel Festler, Donna Rivers Hauan, Martha Killian, Jean Klee, Peggy Kohman, Wayne Lahn, Rick Marion, Bruce & Mary Middleton, Barbara Mulcahy, Gary & Anné Otremba, Deacon Sherman Otto, Rodney Peterson, 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 Beltrand Bistodeau (friend of Paulette Orr), Mike Gullickson and Bill Southworth (friends of Marilyn Nordine), Raymond Bernard (brother-in-law of Joan Playle), Georgia Dockerty (friend 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), Nancy Hobbs (sister of Linda Bebeau), Jake (friend of Kathy Bennett), Jerry Kamrow and Scott Knowlan (sons-in-law of Mary Kay Christian), Bob Kline (son-in-law of Darlene Hagel), Linda Ryther (sister of Mary Dahlheimer), Dawn Schmidt (friend of Joanne Chouinard), John and Cnnie Stanislawski (brother and sister-in-law of Kathy Timm), Dave Stasson (brother-in-law of Lucy McAlpine), Kathleen Weik (sister of Teri Ray), Edgar Zachman (father of Cindy Gibbs), and Dan and Kristy Zapf (grandchildren of Earl and Elaine Schulenburg).

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