

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

FAITH · FAMILY · FRIENDSHIP

December 7, 2025 ♦ Second Sunday of Advent

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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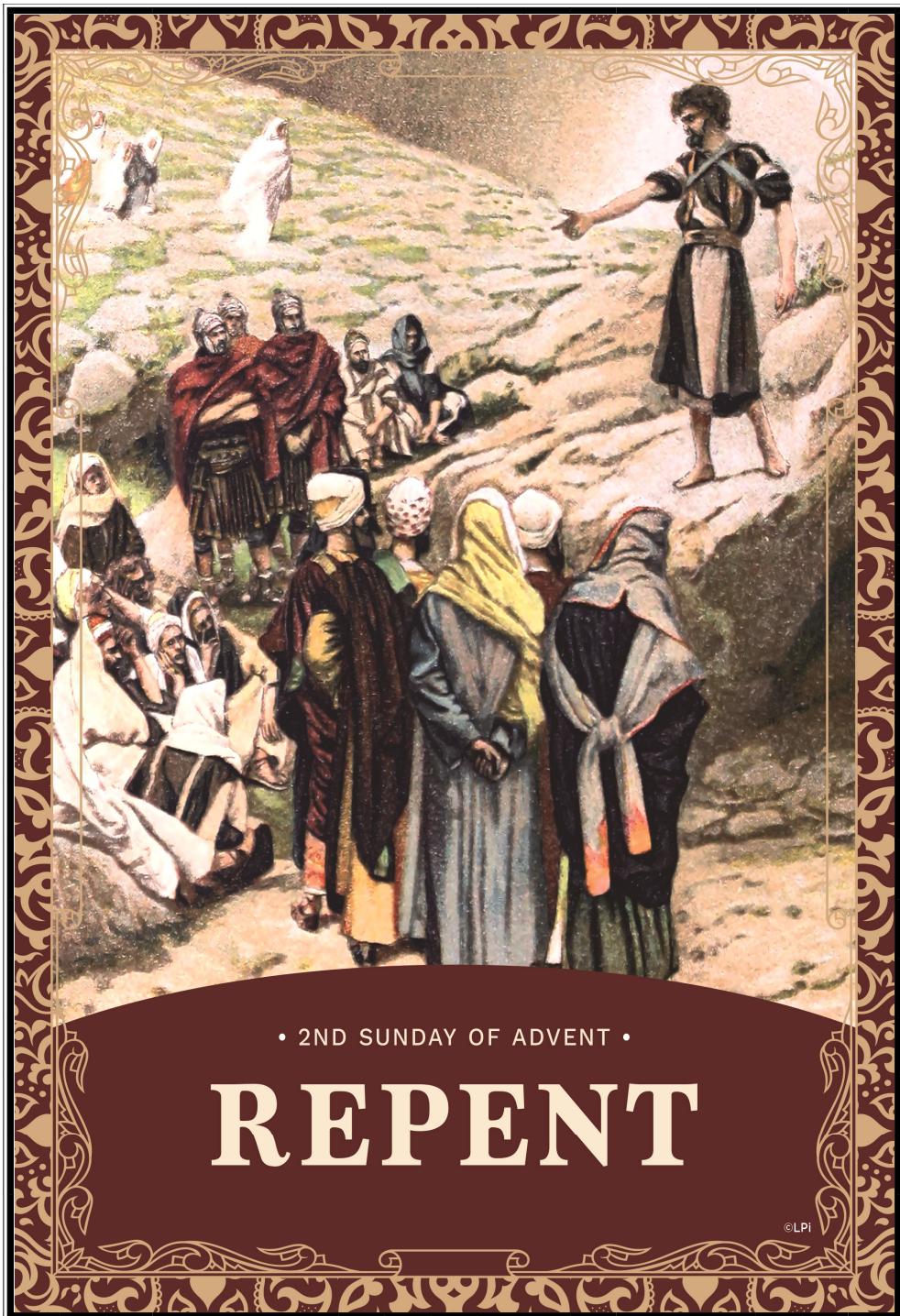
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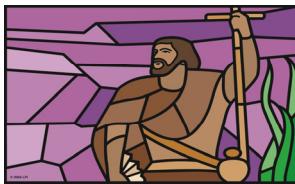
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• 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT •

REPENT

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
 Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15
 Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).
 Psalm — Peace and justice will come in the day of the Lord (Psalm 72).
 Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).
 Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

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



8 Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Cliff and Betty McAlpine ††
	6:30 p.m.	St. John the Baptist Parishioners
9 Tue.	6:30 p.m.	Nicolette Moore †
10 Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Merlin and Mildred Dahlheimer Family - Living and Deceased
11 Thu.	8:00 a.m.	Bev Lahn †
12 Fri.	8:00 a.m.	Lucy Durant †
13 Sat.	5:00 p.m.	Darlene Seckman †
14 Sun.	7:30 a.m.	St. John the Baptist Parishioners
	9:00 a.m.	Paul Corrow † (28 year anniv.)



Next Weekend - December 13 and 14

5:00 P.M.

Ushers: Stacy Glass and Teri Ray
 Reader: Deb Sodman
 Server: Thomas Bouley
 Communion Minister: Kelly Slavik

7:30 A.M.

Ushers: Lisa Crosby & **Volunteer**
 Reader: Bill Zbaracki
 Server: Logan Crosby
 Communion Minister: Heidi Rzeszutek

9:00 A.M.

Ushers: Melissa and Mason Reining
 Reader: Jim Penick
 Servers: Brooklyn and Asher Reining
 Communion Minister: Jake Reining
 Children's Liturgy: Lead - Jackie Penick
 Aide - Rose McCann



SCRIP NEWS

Low Denomination Gift Cards are available on a pre-order basis perfect for stocking stuffers and holiday gift-giving! The following card are available only while supplies last: Amazon.com \$10, Applebee's \$10, Barnes & Noble \$5, Cold Stone Creamery \$5, CVS Pharmacy \$10, Home Depot \$10, IHOP \$10, Olive Garden \$10, Panera Bread \$5, Pizza Ranch \$10, Starbucks \$5, Taco Bell \$5, Target \$10, and Walmart / Sam's Club \$10.

Scrip Sellers for Next Weekend

Dec. 13 5:00 p.m. Steve and Kelly Slavik
 14 7:30 a.m. Deanna Larsen and **Volunteer**
 9:00 a.m. Darlene Hagel and Benita Lefebvre



From the Pastor

On my recent trip to Italy, I went for the first time to San Giovanni Rotondo - where Padre Pio is buried. Italy looks like a boot, and the town is located near the spur, on the opposite side of the country from Rome. To get there you have to pass through the Apennine Mountains, which are essentially the spine in Italy, dividing the country from the Alps in the north all the way to the toe of the boot into Sicily. The easiest way for centuries was a long trip by boat around the entire coast, but in the 20th century the Italians launched an ambitious project involving a lot of tunnel digging to connect the country. It's that level of civil engineering and work that I want us to think of when we hear the words of our patron, John the Baptist this weekend. It takes serious work to make straight the paths for the Lord as individuals in our hearts and collectively as a parish. This weekend we have quite a pileup of events: a 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, a baptism at the 9:00 a.m. mass, breakfast by the Knights of Columbus, and the conclusion of the active portion in the Lord, Renew Your Church campaign. All of these, the passing on of the faith, the sanctification of families, building of our parish communal life, and engaging in the activities of our Archdiocese, have to be rooted in our own personal relationship with the Lord, and although I may be counting chickens before the eggs are hatched, I have been very proud of the fruits our parish is bearing - they show our connection to each other and to Jesus Christ. To this rather full schedule, I would ask that you make time for two more things this Advent. Monday is the patronal feast of the United States - the Immaculate Conception - and a holy day of obligation; therefore, the Church asks us to go to mass. The second ask, from me, is to go and receive the sacrament of reconciliation during Advent. Our parish will be offering extra time for confessions on December 17th & 23rd and I know many of our neighbors offer reconciliation services throughout the season. I know this time of year is busy, but when we take time to acknowledge our sins and ask for God's mercy, we make way for the Lord's grace to continue to work in our hearts.

- Fr. John Powers

KC BREAKFAST BUFFET

The Dayton Knights of Columbus are hosting a Breakfast Buffet this morning (Sunday, December 7) serving from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., in the Church Social Hall. On the menu: French toast, pancakes, grilled pork loin, link sausages, potatoes and scrambled eggs, and choice of beverage. A goodwill offering will be taken. Please join the Knights for some good food and fellowship with other parishioners.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Next weekend, the annual collection in support of the Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR) will take place. You may refer to the insert in today's bulletin for more information about the RFR. An envelope is included in today's bulletin to make your donation. Please be as generous as you are able in support of this appeal. There will not be a second collection for this appeal, please place your envelope in the regular Sunday offering basket. Checks should be made payable to St. John the Baptist Church.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

The schedule for Christmas is as follows:

Christmas Eve	4:30 p.m.
	9:00 p.m.
Christmas Day	9:00 a.m.

CALENDARS

The 2026 calendars are available at the entrances.

These calendars have been

made available to us courtesy of Dare's Funeral and Cremation Services of Elk River.



STEWARSHIP REFLECTION

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."
- Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused. Our time, talent, and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?



OFFERTORY • NOVEMBER 30, 2025

Adult Envelopes (34)	\$ 1,715.00
Plate and Non-Parishioners	452.00
Misc. Contribution - QCD	1,000.00
Automatic Deposits (21)	1,295.00
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 4,462.00
Projected Need	\$ 5,607.00
Received Last Week	4,462.00
Projected Need to Date	123,354.00
Amount Received to Date	120,001.00
Deficit - Last Week	\$ 2,208.00
This Week	3,353.00





THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

This Monday, December 8, the church celebrates The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. St. John the Baptist will celebrate Masses for the Holy Day with Masses at 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:00 A.M.

Ushers: Sarah and Bianca Moylan
Reader: Sheila Long
Altar Servers: Danny and Josh Moylan
Communion Minister: Sarah Moylan

6:30 P.M.

Ushers: Russ and Teri Ray
Reader: Deb Sodman
Altar Server: Matthew and Ethan Haggerty
Communion Minister: Angie Haggerty

CCW NEWS

CCW WINTER GATHERING POTLUCK - St. John's Council of Catholic Women Winter Gathering will take place this Thursday evening, December 11, in the Church social hall starting at 6:00 p.m. with a social time followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. All women of the parish 18 years of age and older are invited. Bring a dish, hot or cold, to share with the group. Please plan on joining us!

BAKE SALE NEXT WEEKEND - The CCW will be sponsoring a Bake Sale **next weekend December 13 and 14**. We are looking for donations of 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.

CHRISTMAS PLANT MEMORIALS

If you would like to have one or more of the Christmas Poinsettias which adorn the sanctuary for the Christmas Season as a memorial for a deceased loved one, please put your name and the name(s) of the ones being remembered in an envelope along with \$13.00 for each plant and either drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the church. Deadline is: Sunday, December 21.

HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH

The Liturgical Environment Committee invites everyone to come help decorate the church for Christmas. This year we will be decorating on Sunday, December 21, beginning at 10:30 a.m. We need many hands to accomplish this task.

NEW IN THE COMMUNITY? WE WELCOME YOU!

Please call the parish office at 763.428.2828 to register.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

TLC THIS WEEK - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Our Pre-K through Confirmation age kids will meet again this Wednesday, December 10. We have sessions from 5:30-6:30, 5:00-6:00, 6:00-7:00 and 7:00-8:00 pm.. If your children are unable to attend or if you have any other questions, please email Sarah at sarah.sjbchurch@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS EVE 4:30 P.M. MASS - On Christmas Eve, all youth are invited to participate in our Children's Christmas Eve 4:30 p.m. Mass. Younger children will dress up and participate in a Nativity scene before Mass. Older kids and teens sing with the choir. The prelude begins at 4:15 p.m. on Wednesday, December 24. Many people visit out of town family and attend Mass at their parishes on Christmas. If you are the out-of-town family, with loved ones attending 4:30 p.m. Mass, please invite your nieces, nephews and grandchildren to join us! We will have a rehearsal, while the Church is being decorated for Christmas, on Sunday, December 21 at 10:00 a.m. If you can't make the rehearsal, that's okay; I can send you the list of songs so you can practice on your own. Please follow the QR code to sign up or email Sarah Moylan at sarah.sjbchurch@gmail.com.



GIVING TREE

Next weekend is the final weekend to return your gift(s) for the Giving Tree for Gifts Anonymous of Otsego and Rogers. Please place your unwrapped gifts underneath the tree in the vestibule with the tag attached.

DAYTON KC POSTER CONTEST

The "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest is in progress. The goal of this program is to increase the awareness of young people's faith, while encouraging them to speak to other youth "in their own language" about the true meaning of Christmas. All participants will be recognized. The Knights of Columbus will be awarding prizes. Contest entrants compete in one of five grade levels: K, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, and 7-8. Families are asked to pick up the Entry Forms for their kids and grandchildren and the required 11 x 17-inch poster material on the counter in the Social Hall. Each poster must reflect the "Keep Christ in Christmas" theme with a visual image. There is no limit to the number of posters each participant may submit. Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan, and any visual image) of a single person. Entrant's name and age should be on the BACK of each poster. Encourage your youth to be creative and to let us know how they Keep Christ in Christmas. All posters and entry forms should be submitted in the marked box in the Social Hall by December 24. They will be available to view after Christmas. Prizes will be awarded later.

CATHOLIC Q & A

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Question: I've heard people call Jesus' conception by the Holy Spirit being "immaculately conceived." Is that what the Immaculate Conception is?

Answer: While these two events are often confused, they are not the same thing. We celebrated the conception of Jesus on March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation. While that was surely miraculous, it isn't what we refer to as the "immaculate conception." The Immaculate Conception is *Mary's* conception, and we typically celebrate it on December 8th. If the 8th happens to be a Sunday, the Church moves the feast to December 9th. It is a holy day of obligation. Why does the Church consider it so important to celebrate?

Mary's conception is immaculate because she was conceived without original sin. The angel Gabriel acknowledges this when he hails Mary as "full of grace" (Luke 1:28). Scripture scholars identify several theological ideas that confirm this. In the Old Testament, the sacred, pristine Ark of the Covenant held the presence of God. The presence of God is now held within a new "arc" – the womb of Mary. Genesis 3 also prophesies of a woman who would oppose the devil and whose child would crush the devil's head. Christ is the "New Adam." This passage sets up Mary, then, as the "New Eve." Jesus and Mary are the beginnings of a new creation, one we all can participate in through the grace of our baptism. After all, God's love is more "original" than our sin!

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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, Anne Otremba, Viola Plante, Jodi Playle, Catherine Schumacher, Dawn Storms Family, Tim Timm, Mary Watson, Billi Jo Weekley, and Sandi Weekley. Becky Bader (sister of Ed Bader), 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, 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), and Dan and Kristy Zapf (grandchildren of Earl and Elaine Schulenburg).

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 7

7:30 a.m. Mass
Confessions following Mass till 8:45 a.m.
8:30 a.m. KC Breakfast Buffet, Social Hall
(serving till 11:30 a.m.)
8:30 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. Mass
Food Shelf Collection Weekend

Monday, December 8

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation
8:00 a.m. Mass for the Holy Day
9:00 a.m. Adult Faith Formation - Advent Series
(till 7:00 p.m.)
6:30 p.m. Mass for the Holy Day

Tuesday, December 9

6:30 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, December 10

8:00 a.m. Mass
TLC Kid's Sessions

Thursday, December 11

8:00 a.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. CCW Winter Gathering Potluck, Social Hall

Friday, December 12

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
7:30 a.m. Confessions
8:00 a.m. Mass
8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration (**till 4:00 p.m.**)

Saturday, December 13

6:45 a.m. Rorate Mass
4:00 p.m. Confessions (till 4:45 p.m.)
4:30 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass
Retirement Fund for Religious Collection
CCW Bake Sale after Mass, Social Hall

Sunday, December 14

Third Sunday of Advent
7:30 a.m. Mass
Confessions following Mass till 8:45 a.m.
8:30 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. Mass
Retirement Fund for Religious Collection
CCW Bake Sale after Mass, Social Hall

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Because of early publication deadlines for Christmas and New Year's, please note the following bulletin deadlines:

<u>Bulletin Date</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
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December 21	Tuesday, December 9 - 9:00 a.m.
December 28	Tuesday, December 16 - 9:00 a.m.
January 4	Monday, December 22 - 9:00 a.m.

Rorate Mass

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

*A rare and must-see Advent tradition
celebrating Mary's 'Yes' to the Lord.*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13 - 6:45 A.M.

What is a Rorate Mass?

A Rorate Mass is a traditional Advent Mass celebrated in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Mass begins in the darkness of the morning and, as Mass is celebrated in candlelight, the sun rises and illuminates the church representing Mary's role in bringing the Light of the World into the darkness of the world.





**Liturgical Minister and Scrip Seller
Schedule Request Form
January - February 2026**

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

NEW MINISTERS NEEDED AND 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:

<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday 5:00 P.M.	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday 7:30 A.M.
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday 9:00 A.M.	<input type="checkbox"/> Willing to minister at any Mass

► Please list any weekend dates you will not be available for scheduling from January 1 - February 28:

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

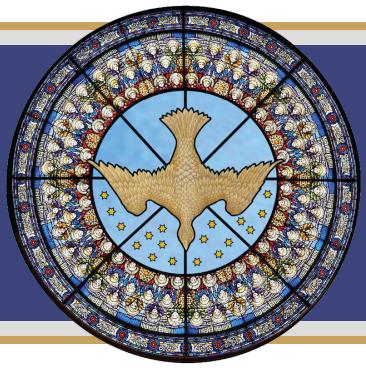
► Please ✓ any of these special Masses that you would be willing to minister for:

<input type="checkbox"/> 5:00 P.M. December 31 - Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God	Anticipatory Mass
<input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 A.M. January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God	
<input type="checkbox"/> 8:00 A.M. February 18 - Ash Wednesday	
<input type="checkbox"/> 6:30 P.M. February 18 - Ash Wednesday	

Please return this form to the church no later than **Sunday December 21, 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.

LORD, RENEW YOUR CHURCH



COMMITMENT WEEKEND IS HERE!

Updates as of December 1, 2025

THANK YOU for your willingness to learn about this effort.

THANK YOU for your support for our parish.

THANK YOU for your vision for our greater Church.

THANK YOU for your commitment to our future.

Today, all St. John the Baptist families are invited to participate in the Lord, Renew Your Church Campaign. By joining together as a parish family, we will ensure the success of this effort. Your sacrificial pledge, no matter the amount, can make a significant difference.

Remember, 90% of all additional funds now stay at our parish!

By contributing to the Lord, Renew Your Church Campaign, you demonstrate an amazing Christian example of faith and generosity. Together, we help build a stronger, more vibrant Catholic Church for years to come.

INITIAL GOAL: \$330,000
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Sister Maria Cigolini, MSCS, 86, *center*

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Our senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help.

They have spent decades caring for those in need, but years of service for little or no pay have left many religious communities without sufficient retirement savings. Today, over 20,500 elderly religious depend on the Retirement Fund for Religious to help cover their rising health care costs, medication, and daily living expenses. Your gift can help ensure they receive the care they deserve. Please give back to those who have given a lifetime.

From left:
Brother Jordan Coonen, OP, 84;
Sister Maria Cigolini, MSCS, 86;
Sister Sharon Glumb, SLW, 76.
Visit retiredreligious.org/2025photos to meet the religious pictured.

To give at your parish: Make your check payable to your parish. (Write RFR on the memo line.)

Amount: \$1,000 \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 Other \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

To donate by mail: Make your check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious. Please do not mail cash.

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retiredreligious.org

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