

Eucharist Schedule

Saturday: 4:30PM
Sunday: 8:30, 10:30AM
Weekdays: 8:00AM (7:30AM - 7:55AM Rosary and Prayers)
(9:10AM Some Wednesdays during the school year.)

Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:30PM & 7:30AM on the days of an 8:00AM Mass, in the Church, or anytime by appointment. Please call the Parish Office.

Parish Registration: New Parishioners Welcome is normally the second Sunday of each month at 9:45AM. Please call the Parish Office to let us know you are coming.

Baptism: Baptism Information and dates are available on our website or by calling the Parish Office.

Marriage: Preparation and instruction must begin at least six months in advance of a suggested date. A specific date will be set with the priest when marriage readiness is indicated.

Visiting the Sick: Ministry to those who are homebound, sick, in hospitals or nursing homes is available. Please call the Parish Office if you know someone who wishes to be visited, anointed, and/or receive Communion.

Prayer Network: Parish Teams pray on behalf of the entire parish for needs brought to them. One call begins the chain of prayers. Only a first name and the prayer need are given to preserve confidentiality. Call 651-484-1048 between the hours of 9:00AM and 9:00PM.

Parish Office (651) 484-2708
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Hours: Monday thru Thursday: 8:30AM-4:30PM
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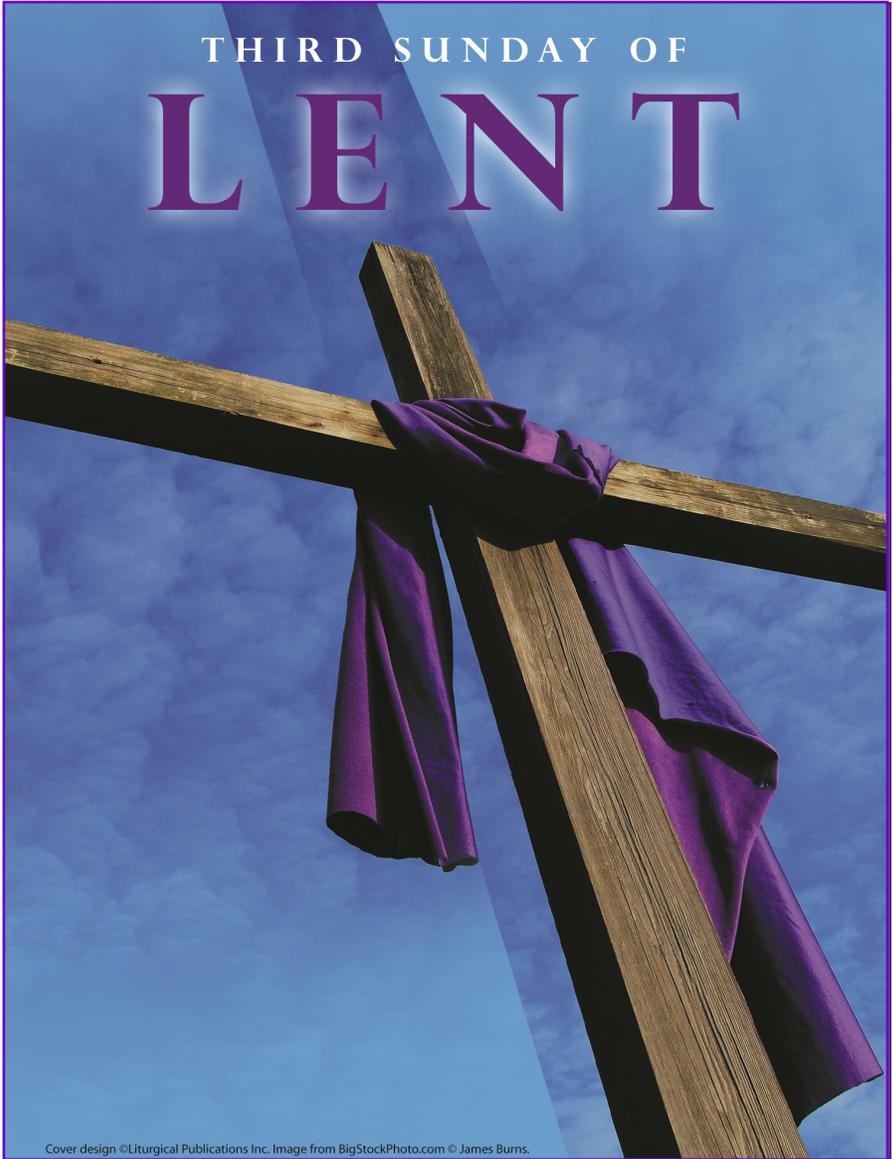
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Hours: 9:00AM - 3:00PM AND HALF DAYS AS SPACE ALLOWS

Eagle Club Childcare..... (651) 484-3038
Hours: 6:30AM - 6:00PM

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PASTORAL MINISTER

Lord, I Want to See!

Every once in a while we see something truly bizarre and strange. I remember driving along Mississippi River Boulevard one snowy morning. It was quite breezy and a fresh couple of inches had just fallen (nothing like our weather this weekend!). There was a black fence along the road and I saw roughly 10 turkeys perched on top of the one-inch wide fence railing, feathers ruffling in the wind. They looked like bowling balls balancing on dental floss! It was not something I could have imagined and would struggle to believe had I not seen it with my own eyes. I'm sure you have a story or two about something just as strange.

In today's first reading, Moses also has a strange experience when he encounters the burning bush (see Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15). He's out walking with the flock leading them across the desert when he sees the bush enflamed but not being consumed. So, like any of us would do, he goes to investigate. This is where things get very interesting. Not only does Moses see the bush burning, but he encounters the Lord who speaks to him. God calls to him, inviting him to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. As extraordinary as this experience is, Moses doesn't doubt that God is present and it is worth pondering why this is.

The old adage is "seeing is believing." We are a people who experience our lives through our senses and while we sometimes aren't sure about what we hear or smell, we usually trust our eyes. This is what made Jesus so compelling to the disciples—He walked among them and taught them; but most especially, they saw Him work miracles. Look at St. Thomas: he isn't present in the upper room when Jesus first appears after the resurrection and states, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe" (John 20:24). But, when Jesus appears the following week when Thomas is present he exclaims, "My Lord and my God!" without touching the wounds—seeing Jesus was enough.

Just as it is difficult to believe turkeys can balance on such a small fence or that a burning bush isn't consumed without seeing them, it is difficult to believe in Jesus without seeing Him firsthand—we *don't need to feel bad that this is a reality!* But there is something we can do—pray. Maybe you can't see what the Lord is asking you to do in a particular situation; maybe you can't see how God could love you; maybe you can't see that there is a God at all. Whatever our circumstance is, the answer is to ask for sight: *Lord, I want to see!* I want to see what You are asking of me right now. I want to see that You love me. I want to see that You exist. Come into my life so I can know You are present! In our need, let's turn to God and call out, "Lord, I want to see!"

Peace, Eric

SCHOOL NEWS

Greetings, Parishioners:

We're back in full swing at Saint John's School, following a relaxing Spring Break at the beginning of March.

Last Saturday, we launched what I hope will be a weekly or semi-weekly digital tradition at Saint John's School, focusing on our preschoolers through second-graders: Online **Story Time Saturdays with Principal Hurley**. Extending learning, especially reading, into the home is such an important development opportunity. Please invite anyone of this age group that you know to visit our website to check it out (www.school.sjlc.org/storytimesaturday).

This past Thursday, March 21, was **World Down Syndrome Day**. The entire school celebrated Rock Your Socks at Saint John's School, to show that every person is different because of their individual chromosomes. Kids wore fun, colorful or mismatched socks along with their school uniforms. Why socks? Our chromosomes look like socks! This annual event takes place each March, a nod to the 3 copies of the 21st chromosome that cause Down Syndrome (3/21), and we took the opportunity to talk about differences, acceptance and inclusion throughout the week.

Some of you might be interested in our Lenten Service Project: Again this year the fifth grade is hosting a **Toothbrush/Toothpaste Drive** for kids in Guatemala through a local organization called Common Hope (www.commonhope.org). Our goal is to raise more than 2,000 of each **by April 5**, an average of four per student! If you're interested, donations can be sent to the church or school office.

Remember: You're always welcome at Saint John's School of Little Canada.

Blessings in this Lenten season,
Dan Hurley, Principal

FAITH FAMILY



IN OUR PRAYERS

We remember those who need healing, including: Rita H., June F., Bernice R., Carl H., Jennifer W., Paul S., Rick M., Joan C., June S., Darlene G.

If you would like to add or remove a name from the prayer list, please contact our pastoral minister, Eric Cooley at ecooley@stjohnsofbc.org or call 651-288-3268. We will include names in this listing for 2 months. If you need the time extended, please contact Eric Cooley.

PARISH & COMMUNITY



Stewardship Formation

As the steward grows in the life of prayer, God reveals himself more intimately in this personal relationship. The steward also sees that the gifts received from God are to be shared and not buried. The steward remains deeply rooted in humility, recognizing that the gifts one has been given come not from self, but from God. Those gifts are to be shared with others. This formation of each individual becomes part of the formation of the parish community. As members of the Body of Christ, the parish recognizes that it has a call from God to give and share His gifts. Inherent within each individual is the need to give – to move from selfishness to selflessness. This formation is a life-long journey of conversion. As one grows more deeply in this formation in a life of stewardship, the more deeply one loves as God loves us. This is true for the individual steward and for the stewardship parish.

(The Pillars of Parish Stewardship – Catholic Diocese of Wichita)

YTD Sunday Offerings July 1 thru March 10

Actual	Budget	Last Year
\$564,663	\$572,927	\$614,724

Thank you for supporting St. John's of Little Canada!

FAITH FORMATION

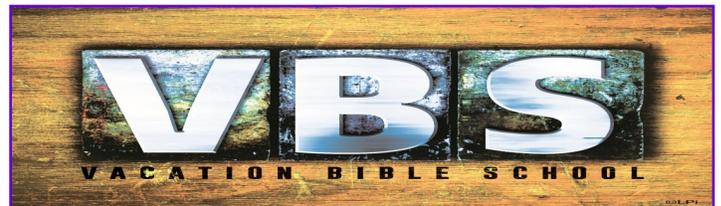
40 Days for Life Twin Cities Lent 2019

Through April 14, 6 a.m. – 6 p.m., Sidewalk/Planned Parenthood, 671 Vandalia St., St. Paul.

Pro-Life Action Ministries invites all to join us in this international movement of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach to end abortion. Please register at <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/st-paul/> or contact brian.walker@plam.org or 651-797-6363.

Youth Group (Grades 6-12)

- Sunday, Mar 31, 9:45-11:15 AM - Service project for sick and homebound
- Wednesday, Apr 3, 7:30-9:30 PM - Games, fun, prayer and a talk about "Angels and Demons"
- Entering Grades 9-12 Next Year? Save the dates: Archdiocesan Youth is November 16 and the March for Life is Jan 16-21 (trip to D.C.!)



Totus Tuus - Vacation Bible School

TOTUS TUUS is a Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through catechesis, evangelization, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. The goal of TOTUS TUUS is to help young people develop their relationship with Jesus Christ so that there is an intimate friendship whereby he may lead them to the Father in the Holy Spirit. To accomplish this, we emphasize devotion and love for our Lord in the Eucharist and for Mary our Mother. We strive to help young people to understand their faith through catechesis so that they may live it in today's world. We do this in such a way that it is fun for both teachers and youth alike. A TOTUS TUUS teacher helps to make the faith real to the youth as a way of life and love and not simply a set of rules and obligations. Parents, Totus Tuus (like Vacation Bible School) is returning again this summer from June 16-21 for grades 1-6 (M-F, 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM) and grades 7-12 (S-Th, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM). **Register now at sjolc.org/totus-tuus-gr-1-12.**

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Monday, 25

- 8:00AM - Communion Service - Church
- 11:00AM - Communion Service @ Cardigan Ridge
- 2:00PM - Rosary @ Gable Pines
- 7:30PM - AA Meeting - Lower Church Kitchen

Tuesday, 26

- 7:30AM - Confessions - Church
- 8:00AM - Mass - Church
- 8:30AM - Fellowship - Lower Church
- 9:15AM - Men's Faith Discussion - Fireside Room
- 6:30PM - Finance Council - Holy Family Room

Wednesday, 27

- 7:30AM - Confessions - Church
- 8:00AM - Mass - Church
- 9:15AM - Reconciliation (School) - Church
- 7:00PM - Contemporary Choir Practice - Chapel
- 7:00PM - Traditional Choir Rehearsal - Church
- 7:30PM - AA Meeting - Lower Church Kitchen

Thursday, 28

- 7:30AM - Confessions - Church
- 8:00AM - Mass - Church
- 8:30AM - Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
- 6:30PM - Adult Bible Study - Lower Church Kitchen

Friday, 29

- 7:30AM - Confessions - Church
- 8:00AM - Mass - Church
- 5:00PM - Ste. Anne's Lenten Soup Supper - Lower Church
- 7:00PM - Stations of the Cross - Church

Saturday, 30

- 3:30PM - Confessions - Church
- 4:30PM - Mass - Church

Sunday, 31

- 8:30AM - Mass - Church
- 9:00AM - RCIA - Holy Family Room
- 9:45AM - A Family of Faith Community Gathering - School Dining Room
- 9:45AM - Youth Group - Youth Room
- 10:30AM - Mass - Church
- 10:30AM - RCIA Second Scrutiny - Church
- 11:30AM - Saint John's Volunteer Appreciation Lunch - Lower Church

MASS INTENTIONS

March 26-31

- Tuesday: Robert Pfeifer †
 Wednesday: Patti Johnson †
 Thursday: Josephine Steichen †
 Friday: Robert G Belland †
 4:30PM Saturday: Mr & Mrs Hofschulte †
 8:30AM Sunday: For The Parish
 10:30AM Sunday: Robert Belland Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 24

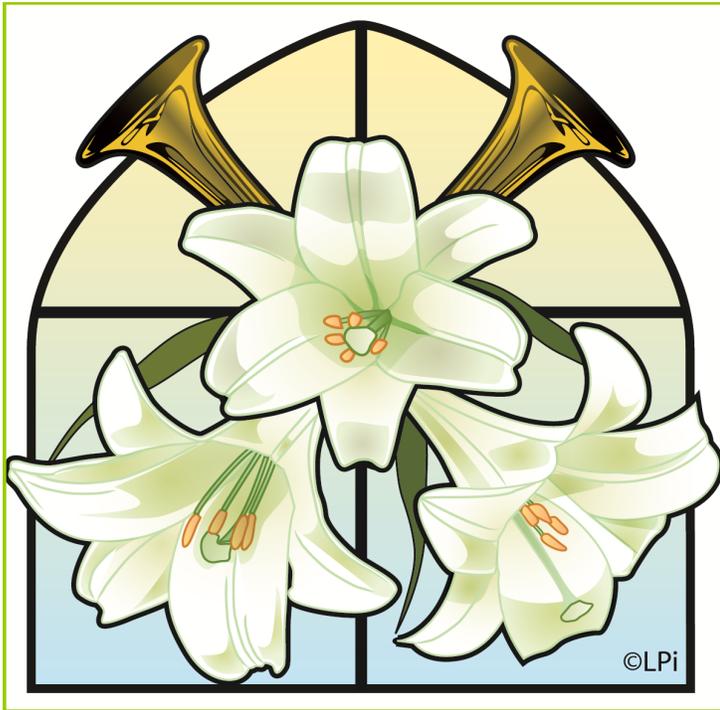
Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
 Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14
 Next 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

Women's Soup Supper

All women of the Parish are cordially invited to attend the Ste. Anne CCW hosted Lenten Soup Supper on **Friday, March 29 from 5:00 - 6:30 pm** in the Lower Church. Stations of the Cross in the Church follow at 7:00 pm. *Sponsored by Ste. Anne's Council of Catholic Women.*

Madonna Mission Club

Our next Luncheon Meeting is on **Monday, March 25, 11 am, at Jimmy's**. Club provides baby blankets (also afghans) and tiny caps for the Women's Life Care Center as well as to Regions and United hospitals for newborns who do not have a blanket for their release home. Some members create; others make an offering for materials. Our meeting is on the Feast of the Annunciation when we celebrate the Archangel Gabriel's announcing to Mary that the Son of God would become Incarnate - a tiny Embryo - in her womb. Mary said "Yes", and nine months later - she brought Baby Jesus to birth! Club contact: Rosie, 483-4436.



Easter Remembrance

We invite you to donate in memory of a loved one toward the flowers for the Easter Season. Please fill out this form and return it with \$15 to the Parish Office or in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers." We will publish this list in the April 28th bulletin.

PLEASE PRINT

Donor's Name _____

Phone Number _____

Memory of _____

PARISH & COMMUNITY

Attention High School Students!

Calling High School seniors! Can you use a little help with future tuition? Applications for Ste. Anne CCW Scholarship are available in the Gathering Space Kiosk. Applications are due to St. John's Parish Office by April 15, 2019 – don't delay!



2018 Scholarship Winners: Casey Hackett & Jennifer Golding

Lenten Service Project

Once again our Christian Services Committee and our School are collecting toothbrushes and toothpaste for children in Guatemala. Simply purchase items and deposit them in the boxes located at the entrances to the church between **now and April 5** or drop items off at our school. Our goal is to collect over 2,000 toothbrushes and 2,000 boxes of toothpaste. Thank you!

"Home for the Summer" is a Catholic summer household experience for women who are interested in discerning their vocation while living in community for 8 weeks. This summer program is for women who are college age up to 27. Applications are NOW being taken. Please see www.10000vocations.org for more information.

June 15-August 10, 2019

FAITH FORMATION

11/26/1858-3/3/1955

Canonized: Born in
October 1, 2000 Philadelphia,
opened, staffed Pennsylvania
and directly supported nearly 60
schools and missions
in the US

Feast day
March 3



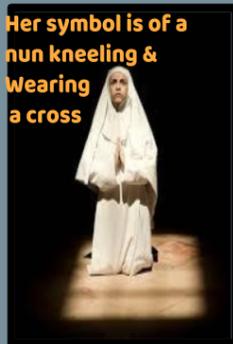
Saint Katharine

Drexel

The Vatican found that prayers to Drexel had restored a teenager's hearing.

She left her life as an heiress behind when she became a nun

Her symbol is of a nun kneeling & wearing a cross



Her fortune paid for schools for the Native Americans and African Americans across the United States

The patron saint of racial justice and of philanthropists

Beatified:
November 20, 1988

Isabel S.
And Josie B
Ages: 14 & 13



Saint John School - C-STEM & Saints
8th Grade students at Saint John's school recently used the internet to research various Catholic Saints and create inspiring digital posters to highlight the tremendous ways these saints served God in the Catholic Church. This poster by Isabel S. and Josie B. highlights one of America's great saints - Katherine Drexel.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Bring back the honeymoon in your marriage. The next available **Weekends** are May 3-5, 2019 in Buffalo, MN and Jul 12-14, 2019 in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-756-8720.

PARISH & COMMUNITY

SPRINGTIME "BAKERY"... Saturday and Sunday, April 6 and 7 - Prep your batters and doughs; preheat your ovens and export some enticing aromas! Then bring your cookies, muffins, pies, cakes, pastries, breads and candies "to market" (the Gathering Space) after 3 pm on Saturday. Plan then to linger after your Mass to purchase some sweet delights for home!
* Sponsored by Ste. Anne's to fund projects helping unborn and born babies, youth, soldiers, elderly, missions; also provides for care of our parish altar linens and of Father Tom's vestments.*



LITTLE CANADA 55 PLUS CLUB

Our next meeting will be April 15, 2019....

Our meal will be Baked Chicken and all the trimmings. Reservations should be made by April 10th.....Call Lee Margl at 651-486-9627.
Our Entertainment will be Bingo.
If you are interested in joining the 55 Plus Club, please call Frank Costa at 651-484-1363 or Lee Margl at 651-486-9627.

Did you know that ALL ARE WELCOME

to the annual auction benefiting Saint John School? Invite a friend today! The evening promises to be full of fun and surprises, with the professional live and silent auction services of Kurt Johnson and catering by Kane's Catering at Fiesta Feliz Event Hall. Contact the school at 651.484.3038 or saintjohnschool@sjolc.org for more details. Registration opens soon, so don't delay!

Saint John School Auction 2019

5:30 p.m.–Midnight Friday, April 26, 2019
Fiesta Feliz Event Hall, 2900 Rice St. #380, Little Canada (in Market Place Center, near Napa Auto Parts and Culver's)
This year's Fund A Need is Saint John School tuition assistance, ensuring any student can receive the gift of Catholic education.