



CHURCH OF  
**SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST**  
OF LITTLE CANADA

JANUARY 8, 2023 | FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

“Where is the newborn  
king of the Jews?  
We saw his star at its  
rising and have come to  
do him homage.” - Mt 2:2

### EUCCHARIST

**SATURDAY:** 4:30 PM (also live streamed;  
find the link on our website)

**SUNDAY:** 8:30 & 10:30 AM

**DAILY:** 8:00 AM Mon., Tue., Thu., Fri.;  
9:10 AM Wed. with the School

### RECONCILIATION

7:30 AM Tue., Thu., Fri.

3:30 PM Sat. and by appointment

### PARISH OFFICE

P: 651-484-2708

8:30 AM–3:00 PM Mon.-Thu.

### CHURCH HOURS

Mon.–Fri. | 7:30 AM–4:30 PM; 30 minutes  
before Masses

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# PARISH OFFICE

## A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION



Due to the way the calendar fell this year, Advent was very long and Christmas was very short. Technically speaking, this is the end of Christmas in our liturgical calendar, as "ordinary time"

begins tomorrow. That said, I don't think the Lord expects you to rush to take down your Christmas decorations and stop celebrating His birth. Next year we will have the shortest possible Advent and a much longer Christmas.

"Ordinary time" is the rather awkward translation for the Latin "*tempus per annum*" or "time of the year." The translators likely chose "ordinary" because its root, *ordo* (which means "order") nicely corresponds to the "ordinal numbers" of the Sundays. But this time is meant to be anything other than ordinary. According to the United States Catholic Council of Bishops, while Advent and Christmas are focused on the Incarnation, and Lent and

Easter are focused on the Paschal Mystery, Ordinary Time is focused on conversion. In the readings, we follow our Lord through his three years of public ministry and attempt to become his disciples in ever-greater ways.

Speaking of disciples, I will be spending the next three years continually calling us back to the incredibly important synodal letter of Archbishop Hebda: *You Will Be My Witnesses: Gathered and Sent from the Upper Room*. In Section 46, Archbishop Hebda calls every single baptized Catholic to become missionary disciples. A missionary disciple is a follower of Jesus who has been sent on mission. What mission? The mission of the Church, which is to evangelize, to spread the good news and thereby to help Christ save souls.

What is this "good news"? Remember our Christmas book from a year ago, *Rescued*? That book simply restated the good news like this: Created, Captured, Rescued, Response. God created man to be in union with Him, man was captured

by the enemy and was unable to free himself, Christ came and boldly rescued man from our captor, Satan, and now God waits on our response: Should I follow the Lord to the Kingdom of Light or do I choose to remain where I am in the Kingdom of Darkness?

Do you feel comfortable sharing the good news? How about sharing your own testimony, your own good news, of how Jesus personally has saved you from sin? If you don't feel comfortable doing this, I encourage you to consider joining the "School of Discipleship" this spring, a seven-week crash-course on discipleship that will invigorate your faith and give your missionary discipleship a new zeal and focus ([saintpaulseminary.org/ci/events-and-opportunities/school-of-discipleship](http://saintpaulseminary.org/ci/events-and-opportunities/school-of-discipleship)).

Imagine if each year or two each one of us brought a new person into the Catholic Church?! Our pews would be bursting with people and with energy. This is possible. With God, all things are possible.

~Joe Block

## COMING UP THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 8: FOOD COLLECTION & HOSPITALITY

- 8:00 AM Parish Family Rosary | Church
- 8:30 AM Mass | Church
- 9:30 AM Hospitality Sunday | Gathering Space
- 10:30 AM Mass | Church
- 11:30 AM Hospitality Sunday | Gathering Space
- 12:00 PM Baptisms | Church

### MONDAY, JANUARY 9

- 8:00 AM Communion Service | Church
- 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Committee | Fireside Room
- 2:00 PM Culture of Life Committee | Holy Family Room
- 6:30 PM Christian Services Committee | Fireside Room

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

- 7:30 AM MS Confessions and Coffee: All | Church
- 7:30 AM Confession | Church
- 8:00 AM Mass | Church
- 8:30 AM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion | Church
- 5:30 PM Contemporary Choir Rehearsal | Church
- 6:00 PM Winter Faith Camp Info Session | Virtual/Gathering Space

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11: MS NET RETREAT

- 9:10 AM All-school Mass | Church
- 9:30 AM Communion Service | Offsite: Cardigan Ridge
- 11:00 AM Prayerful Witness for Life | Offsite
- 6:00 PM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd | Atrium

- 6:00 PM Family Discipleship | Lower Church

- 7:30 PM AA Meeting | Lower Church

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

- 7:30 AM Confession | Church
- 8:00 AM Mass | Church
- 8:30 AM Adoration | Church & Lower Church Chapel
- 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study | Virtual
- 7:00 PM Men's Club Meeting | School Dining Hall

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

- 7:30 AM Confession | Church
- 8:00 AM Mass | Church
- 1:00 PM All-school Adoration | Church

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 14: NEXT LEVEL EVENT

- 1:30 PM HS Next Level Christmas Party | Offsite: Transfiguration
- 3:30 PM Confession | Church
- 4:30 PM Mass | Church and Live Stream

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

- 8:00 AM Parish Family Rosary | Church
- 8:30 AM Mass | Church
- 10:30 AM Mass | Church

All Calendar dates/times are subject to change. To submit events for consideration, email [lharaldson@sjolc.org](mailto:lharaldson@sjolc.org) by the Friday two weeks before publication. Find up-to-date listings on our website, [www.sjolc.org](http://www.sjolc.org).



# LIVING OUR FAITH

## BABY BOTTLES FOR WLCC

The Culture of Life Committee is excited to announce our annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser for Women's Life Care Center kicks off soon. Be sure to take a bottle on your way out of Mass January 21 or 22, then return the bottles filled with change the following weekend to support young mothers and families in need.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK AND MEN'S CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Mark your calendars for January 29, the kick off to Catholic Schools Week, featuring the return of our Men's Club Pancake Breakfast. The school kids will host 10:30 AM Mass; please plan to join us for any or all of the weekend's festivities.

## SAVE THE DATE: SCHOOL GALA 2023

Believe it or not, our annual school gala is just months away. First, please save the date of **Friday, April 21, 2023**, as EVERYONE is encouraged to attend this rip-roaring good time. (This year's theme is The Roaring Twenties.) The event is our school's primary fundraiser each year, helping keep tuition low and supporting specialty programs like Believe and Read, Wilson Learning, and STEM, to name a few. Consider checking out our Amazon Wish List (visit [school.sjolc.org/gala](http://school.sjolc.org/gala)).

## CATHOLIC WATCHMEN MEET JAN. 17

Watchmen: Join us for a Pizza Man dinner at 6:30 PM January 17 in the Lower Church. We'll have sides, snacks, desserts and beverages. Following the food and fellowship, our guest speaker will be Ralph Scarfone. It's always a great time to dine, share fellowship, pray and learn together. All men are warmly welcomed.

## WINTER FAITH CAMP

FEBRUARY 17-20, 2023

\*OVERNIGHT CAMP

COST: \$210, PARTIAL AND FULL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE  
HELD AT: CAMP COURAGE (OUTSIDE ANNANDALE, MINN.)

## EARLY BIRD Registration: SAVE \$50 IF YOU REGISTER BY 1/15

Cost is \$210; partial and full scholarships available

[www.sjolc.org/wfc](http://www.sjolc.org/wfc)

Virtual info session: 6:00 PM Jan. 10

## CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 9-12

A graphic for the Next Level Christmas Party. It features silhouettes of people climbing an obstacle course, with one person wearing a Santa hat and holding a gift. A white elephant is also present. The text 'Next Level' is in a large, stylized font. Below the image, it says 'JOIN US FOR NERF® CHRISTMAS 1:30-3:30 PM JANUARY 14'. Further text describes the event: 'White elephant gifts, holiday treats, Nerf® obstacle course, and prayer and Confession. Bring a friend to this FREE event! TRANSFIGURATION, 6133 15TH ST. N., OAKDALE'.

## NEXT LEVEL CHRISTMAS PARTY

High schoolers: Join us for a Christmas party like none other. We have a Nerf obstacle course, holiday treats and games, White Elephant gifts, and of course, prayer, community and the opportunity for confession. Come to Transfiguration from 1:30 to 3:30 PM dressed in an ugly sweater, and be eligible to win a prize! RSVP to Laura at [lharaldson@sjolc.org](mailto:lharaldson@sjolc.org).

## SPEAKER: SEXUALITY AND THE CHURCH

Our next speaker at Discipleship Sunday is Jen Messing, who will speak on Sexuality and the Church. Meanwhile, the kids will make Valentines for Veterans in the Lower Church; please plan to join us for this free, family-friendly event at 9:30 AM January 22 in the Gathering Space.



## SAVE THESE SUMMER DATES FOR CAMPS

For any of our kids currently in sixth through eighth grades, Extreme Faith Camp is a life-changing experience, and we have to book it soon! Please save the dates of June 26–30, 2023. For our kids in grades 1–5, the popular summer day camp Totus Tuus, held right at Saint John's, runs July 13–18, while our sixth– through 12th-graders meet evenings July 12–17. [www.sjolc.org/youth-events](http://www.sjolc.org/youth-events)

## GIVING TREE THANK YOU AND RECAP YEAR OVER YEAR

Thank you to our generous parishioners who supported Christian Services Committee and all of Saint John's Parish in donating the following gifts through our annual Giving Tree. Here is a comparison year-over-year:

### 2022

Gifts received/requested: 280/362  
Gift cards received/requested: 37/41  
School donations: 10  
Wolf Ridge scholarships: \$250  
Online/check giving: \$1,375

### 2021

Gifts received/requested: 262/380  
Gift cards received/requested: 16/50  
School donations: 12  
Wolf Ridge scholarships: \$100  
Online/check giving: \$3,670

# PRAYER & WORSHIP

**MASS  
INTENTIONS**  
JANUARY 10-15

**TUESDAY,  
JANUARY 10**  
Alice Schwinn †  
**WEDNESDAY,  
JANUARY 11**  
Bernice Galush †

**THURSDAY,  
JANUARY 12**  
Kelly Pince †

**FRIDAY,  
JANUARY 13**  
For the Parish

**SATURDAY,  
JANUARY 14**  
Jean Waldvogel †

**SUNDAY,  
JANUARY 15 |**  
8:30 AM  
For the Parish

**SUNDAY,  
JANUARY 15 |**  
10:30 AM  
Beverly Jean Gelao †

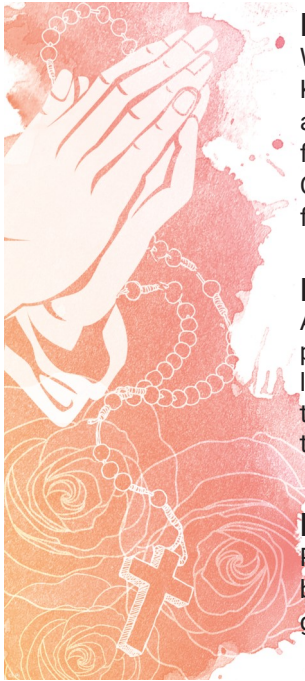
## PARISH INFORMATION

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** All those interested in joining the parish are invited to call the parish office to register. Please call 651-484-2708.

**VISITING THE SICK:** Visiting the sick is a corporal work of mercy and something we want to help with! Procedures for ministry to those who are homebound, sick or in hospitals varies depending on location. Please contact the parish office if you would like to schedule a visit for yourself or a loved one.

**BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE:** For questions or to set up a meeting, please contact Joe Block in our Parish Office, jblock@sjolc.org or 651-288-3269.

**Call the Parish Office:** 651-484-2708



### IN OUR PRAYERS

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO NEED HEALING, INCLUDING Kevin H., Chuck H., Matt W., Jean S., Joe F., Kathy K., Matt W. and Jeanne Y. If you would like to add or remove a name from the prayer list, please contact our Pastoral Ministry Office at 651-288-3268. We will include names in this listing for two months.

### IN MEMORIAM

As a faith community, it is important to hold each other in prayer, especially in difficult moments such as the death of a loved one. The families experience much comfort knowing that we are supporting them. Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed, and for their families.

### PRAYER NETWORK

Parish teams pray on behalf of the entire parish for needs brought to them. Only a first name and the prayer need are given to preserve confidentiality. Please call 651-288-3285.

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via our secure  
online site.



## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**Next Level** high school youth group is seeking donations for upcoming events. Chips, soda, snacks are welcome; email lharaldson@sjolc.org. **More Live-Streaming Crew:** Be a doer behind the scenes of any Mass; contact Ryan at rchimzar@sjolc.org.

Be a hall monitor at **Youth Group**. Or consider donating snacks or juice boxes. Contact Joe at jblock@sjolc.org. **Playground**

**Volunteers:** Must be able to sustain cold temperatures for an hour. Contact Dan at dhurley@sjolc.org. Do you have skills as a **graphic designer**, or even a general interest in poster or flyer layout, marketing and promotions? Saint John's is looking for volunteers for case-by-case design projects. Contact lharaldson@sjolc.org.



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12  
Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b)/Mt 3:13-17  
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28  
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39  
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45  
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12  
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17  
Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

## FINANCIAL REPORT: NOVEMBER 2022

Numbers reflect Fiscal Year 2023, which began July 1, 2022, and ends June 30, 2023.

|                            | Month Actual | YTD Actual | YTD Budget |
|----------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| Sunday/Childrens Envelopes | \$48,178     | \$271,023  | \$304,125  |
| Holy Day Collection        | \$1,370      | \$3,514    | \$4,000    |
| Plate Collection           | \$1,765      | \$10,105   | \$10,425   |
| General Second Collection  | \$4,580      | \$22,954   | \$23,500   |
| Total                      | \$55,893     | \$307,596  | \$342,050  |