

JANUARY 29, 2023

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

CATHOLIC CHURCH • NORTH BENNINGTON, VERMONT



MISSION STATEMENT

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church is a community of baptized people who have, as their common goals: to love, model, teach, serve, and celebrate Christ in our lives. Committed to the Eucharist, our Bread of Life, and guided by the Holy Spirit, we are dedicated to service to God's people and center our faith-life around liturgical celebrations, the Gospel, and prayer. Based on the teachings of the Second Vatican Council, we reach out to all people lovingly, acknowledging their uniqueness and dignity, and treat all with respect, tolerance, and acceptance, having the love of Jesus as our core.

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday

Vigil - 5:30 pm

9:00 am - First Saturday of every month

Sunday

10:00 am

Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 am

Holy Day Mass (refer to schedule on inside cover)

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Gluten-free hosts are available upon request. Visitors or parishioners need to notify the Pastor or Deacon prior to the particular Mass they are attending.

RECONCILIATION

First Saturday of the month from 9:30 - 10:30 am and by appointment.

VISITORS

Welcome. Thank you for joining us for our Eucharistic Celebration. Please know that we have a long tradition of kneeling after every Mass to say a brief prayer for vocations.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome new parishioners to St. John's and ask that they register at the parish office. Parishioners with new addresses or who are moving should also contact the parish office.



CONGREGATION OF
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Rev. Kevin Rousseau, C.S.C. - Pastor
Rev. Hugh Cleary, C.S.C. - Parochial Vicar

The Congregation of Holy Cross Priests and Brothers have offered continuous service for over 60 years to the Diocese of Burlington and the Bennington area.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Tuesday and Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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Mass Intentions

And Liturgical Celebrations for 1/28-2/5 at
**St. John the Baptist and
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales**

**Sat./Sun., 1/28-1/29 – Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and
Doctor of the Church/Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:30 pm - Darlene Galipeau (2nd Anniv) by Charlene and Gary Martin

10:00 am - Madeline King by Peg and Joe Crossman;
Cindy Gardner by Ron and Rosemary Lindsey

Mon., 1/30 – Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am – Kathleen English by Gary & Kathy Zack

Tuesday, 1/31 – Saint John Bosco, Priest

9:00 am -William Saunders, Jr. by Terry Saunders-Boucher

Wed. 2/1 – Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am – No Mass (Fr. Kevin will be in Burlington)

Thurs. 2/2 – The Presentation of the Lord

9:00 am - Mark Fortun by The Lindsey Family

Fri. 2/3 – Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Our Parish Family

**Sat./Sun., 2/4-2/5 – Weekday/Fifth Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

9:00 am - For Our Parishioners

5:30 pm - Bernie Galipeau by Charlene and Gary Martin

10:00 am - Aurelia Hogan (Birthday Remembrance) by
The Lindsey Family



*“Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.”*

— Mt 5:7-8

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1979 CCD

Sunday Summary

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 The humble remnant will prove to be God’s true people.

Psalms 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 Those oppressed, marginalized, and forgotten will gain the Kingdom.

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 God chooses those who count for nothing to bring down those who think they’re something.

Matthew 5:1-12a Blessed are those who seem less blessed and most cursed in this world.

✠ From The Pastor’s Desk ✠

This week Catholic schools across the nation celebrate National Catholic School’s Week! Our school, The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales will dedicate each day towards celebrating different aspects of the community. On Sunday, the school will celebrate our parish and serve as ministers at the 8am Mass – they will do the same next Saturday at St. John the Baptist 5:30 Vigil Mass. Throughout the week our school will also celebrate our community, students, nation, families, faculty and staff, and vocations. We have much to be proud of at our school. I love visiting the classrooms and the cafeteria. The students and teachers always find ways to put a smile on my face! Please join me in praying for all our students, faculty, staff, and volunteers as they celebrate this wonderful week!

On January 20th, we marked the 150th anniversary of the death of our founder, Blessed Basil Moreau. Blessed Moreau worked tirelessly in the field of education. Growing up after the civil war in France, Moreau recognized that the population needed education and faith. Moreau gathered priests, brothers, and sisters together and sent them to the corners of the world to educate minds and hearts of the next generation. The Congregation of Holy Cross continues to serve this mission of education today. Please join me in praying for more vocations so that we can continue this critical work.

Finally, I will be meeting with both Finance Councils in the next two weeks. We hope to provide you a report of our revenue and expenses very soon. If you have any questions, please reach out to me.

God Bless,
Fr. Kevin

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: The prophet Zephaniah speaks of a “remnant of Israel” who will survive God’s judgement and live as a humble and truthful people. What other qualities (besides humility and integrity) make for a good community?

Second Reading: Paul offers us an interesting sketch of the members of the Corinthian community: foolish, weak, lowly, and despised. How would you describe your community of faith?

Gospel: Jesus begins his Sermon on the Mount with a list of eight “beatitudes” (blessings). Which of these beatitudes do you see in yourself?

Readings for the week of January 29, 2023

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 & 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43

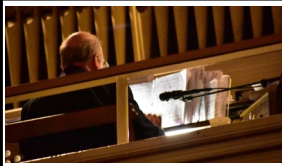
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/ Mt 5:13-16



GATHER AS FRIENDS

Donald McMahon will celebrate his 60th birthday on Friday, February 24, with an evening recital at the SHSF church organ. The performance, which will be streamed live and offered in person, will begin at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is warmly invited to attend. (Please, no gifts or presentations). Come as you are!



Please plan to spend some time with Jesus at Adoration and attend the next beautiful First Friday closing service on Friday, Feb. 3rd from 7-8 pm at SHSF.

On Saturday, Feb. 4th at 9 am at St. John's, join us for a First Saturday Mass with Adoration and Confession to follow.

St. John the Baptist Church has Eucharistic Adoration each Wednesday from 4-5 pm, and SHSF each Friday after the 9 am mass until 8 pm. These two programs provide an opportunity to honor the Real Presence.



Souper Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl Weekend Feb. 11-12

The Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990 with a simple prayer from a youth group. "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat." Since that day, more than \$170 million has been raised in communities across the country. Through this mission, young people learn to make a positive difference in the world. Please join us in being part of this mission that is sharing God's love with those in need. Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday. The youth of our parish will be collecting money after each Mass the weekend of February 11 - 12. All the money collected will go to St. John's Food Shelf.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

DECEMBER 2022 MONTHLY OFFERTORY

Offertory / Mail Collections	\$ 13,668.00
Online Offertory	\$ 1,573.00
Total:	\$ 15,241.00
Needed Each Month	\$13,417.00
Monthly Ahead	+\$1,824.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$78,530.11
Fiscal YTD Behind	-\$1,971.89

Fiscal Year is July-June

Please remember St. John the Baptist in your will and estate planning



Sun., 1/29 - Sat., 2/4 - Catholic Schools Week 2023
Wednesday, 2/1 from 4-5 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
Fri., 2/3 at 7 pm-First Friday Adoration Service at SHSF
Sat., 2/4 at 9 am - First Saturday Mass at St. John's

This year for Lent,
don't just change your habits.
**DO SOMETHING THAT WILL
CHANGE
YOUR LIFE.**



Light of the World Retreat
March 3-6, 2023
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church
The retreat is sponsored by
SHSF and SJB (no cost to you!)

Please know that what you will gain from attending the Light of the World retreat will far outweigh your investment in time and commitment

Friday, March 3, 2023 6:00—9:00 PM
Saturday, March 4, 2023 8:30 AM—8 PM *
Sunday, March 5, 2023 9:00 AM—8 PM **
Monday, March 6, 2023 6:00—9:00PM

No cost to you and meals are provided

For Sacred Heart St. Francis and St. John the Baptist parishes.
For More information, contact 802-442-3141

*Optional 8:00 AM Saturday Mass

**Sunday Mass is part of the retreat.

Please return registration form to SHSF or St. John's Parish office, or drop in the collection basket



Report from the Clothing Shed for 2022

19,868 pounds of clothing were donated to our shed in 2022. This was enough to clothe an estimated 3,660 people all over the world. Based on this volume of clothing, we received \$794.72

Thank you from St. Pauly Textile, Inc.

REMINDER FROM THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Please remove all Christmas wreaths by **February 1.**

Thank you for your cooperation.

Reminder of regular mass schedule

Saint John the Baptist first Saturday mass at 9:00 am with adoration and confession following, Saturday at 5:30 pm and Sunday at 10:00 am. Confession also by appointment.

Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales Saturday at 4:00 pm and Sunday at 8:00 am with confession on Saturday from 3:00-3:30 pm or by appointment.

Weekday Mass schedule will be 9:00 am for both parishes, Tuesday and Thursday at St. John's, and Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales.