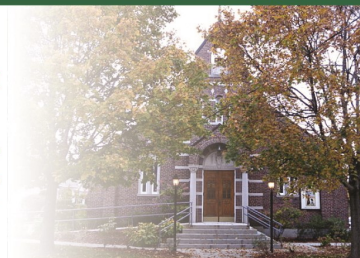


JULY 30, 2023

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

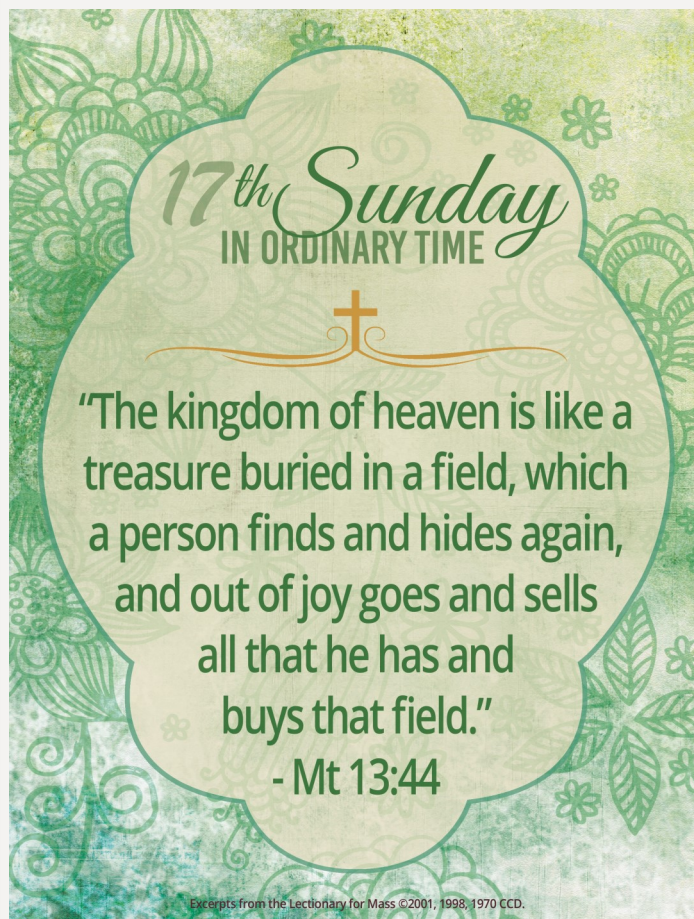
First Saturday of the month from 9:30 - 10:30 am and by appointment.

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.



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

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Mass Intentions

And Liturgical Celebrations for 7/29-8/6 at
**St. John the Baptist and
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales**

**Sat./Sun., 7/29-7/30 - Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus/
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:30 pm- Jack Sullivan by the Lindsey Family
For Our Parishioners

10:00 am - Eileen Flynn by St. John's Sodality
Marilyn Baldwin by the Borden Family

**Mon., 7/31 - Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)**

9:00 am -Deceased members of the Lyons & Keeler Families -
by Daniel Wallace

**Tuesday, 8/1 - Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church**

9:00 am - Eileen Flynn by Joanne and Johnny Billow

Wed. 8/2 - Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am -Richard & Noella (Living) Boisvert - Family

Thurs. 8/3 - Weekday

9:00 am - Patricia Colella by Dr. Roy Girasa

Fri. 8/4 - Saint John Vianney, Priest

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Lorraine Cross by Doris & Ron Alderman
K. Christine Budnikas (14th) by Dr. Arunas Budnikas

**Sat./Sun., 8/5-8/6 - Weekday/The Transfiguration of the
Lord**

9:00 am - For Our Parishioners

5:30 pm- Louise J. Rohm (BDay Remem.) by Fran
and Jack Endres
Viola Myers in honor of her 100th birthday by
St. John's Sodality

10:00 am-Mark Lindsey (2nd Anniv) by the Lindsey Family

✠ From the Pastor's Desk ✠

Last week I enjoyed meeting with our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC). EMHC help the priests and deacon distribute Holy Communion at Mass and some take Communion to those who are homebound or in nursing homes. At our meeting, we renewed our understanding of Holy Communion. As Catholics we take Jesus at His word in John chapter 6 (beginning at verse 22): "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

In our discussion, a few topics came up that I would like to address. First, receiving the Consecrated Host (the Body of Christ) or receiving from the Chalice (the Blood of Christ) is receiving Jesus' Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. In other words, the Consecrated Host is fully Jesus' Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. The same is true of the Chalice. Even if you only consume one Species, you are receiving the fullness of Jesus.

If you do choose to receive from the chalice, the minister will announce "the Blood of Christ." After you respond "Amen" you are invited to drink from the chalice. Our EMHC told me that some Catholics have kept the Consecrated Host in their hand, approached the minister, and desire to dip the Host into the Chalice and receive Communion. This "dipping" has an official word called "intinction." But intinction may only be done by a priest and that is not how we distribute Communion at our parish.

Finally, some parishioners need to receive special hosts that contain the lowest amount of gluten. There has been some confusion about where parishioners can find those hosts. Beginning this weekend an altar server will hold a pyx between the center ministers so that those who need these hosts can join either communion line and simply request a low-gluten Consecrated Host.

God bless,
Fr. Kevin



"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." — Mt 13:44

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Sunday Summary

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 The king who might have anything sought wisdom above all.

Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 God's ways are more desirable than everything else we value.

Romans 8:28-30 All works toward original goodness.

Matthew 13:44-52 Jesus tells stories of the Kingdom in terms easy to understand.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Following Christ will take everything we have. Are we ready to give it all? At the end of our lives, let us hope we can say truthfully that we sold all we had in order to purchase the field which contained the great treasure.

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Readings for the week of July 30, 2023

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday: Ex 32:15-24,30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

**WE
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DO IT
WITHOUT
YOU**

St. John's Parish is 49% to our bishop's annual appeal goal! The appeal supports so many ministries that help our parish, including emergency aid to households in financial crisis, religious education training, vocations, Catholic schools and so much more. Will you please help us reach our goal by making a gift at: bishopsappealvt.org?



Faith Formation

Register today!! Forms are available online.

Classes begin Sunday, September 25, 2023

Classes for pre-K to 5th grade at the SHSF Parish Center
Sundays 9:00 am – 10:30 am OR Mondays 4:30 – 6:00 PM

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I: ages 3-6
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level II: Grades 1st - 3rd
Grades 4 and 5: classes with Jessica O'Connell

Confirmation and 7 & 8th Grade at St. John the Baptist church: 2 Sundays a month 4:30 – 6:00 PM

Sacramental preparation:

Grade 2 First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

Grades 6 and up: Confirmation (classes are held at St. John the Baptist)

You may register on-line: <https://sacredheartsaintfrancis.org/registration-forms>.

Please reach out to Kathy Murphy(1kathy.murphy@gmail.com) or Mary Drew (maryedrew1@gmail.com) with any questions or call 802-442-3141.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

JUNE 2023 MONTHLY OFFERTORY

Offertory / Mail Collections	\$ 11,906.00
Online Offertory	\$ 1,520.00
Total:	\$ 13,426.00
Needed Each Month	\$13,417.00
Monthly Ahead	+\$9.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$168,969.80
Fiscal YTD Ahead	+ \$7,965.80

Fiscal Year is July-June

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



Wednesday, 8/2 from 4-5 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
Friday, 8/4 at 7 pm - First Friday Service at SHSF
Saturday, 8/5 at 9 am - First Saturday Mass
Sat., 8/5 from 9-12 - Youth Group Car Wash at SHSF

Angels Needed



Every year at this time, we have a number of families who find it difficult to meet the rising cost of tuition for Catholic Education. Last year, thanks to the generosity of parishioners from Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales and St. John the Baptist, we were able to help four families in need. Tuition for one child this coming year is \$5,930 but no donation or gift is too small. If you would like to make a donation to our "Angel Scholarship Fund," please send it to Principal Tiffany McKenna at The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales, 307 School Street, Bennington, VT 05201. Thank you for your support. It is truly appreciated by so many.

Ministry to the Elderly

We are compiling a list of parishioners (of both parishes) who are currently bringing communion to homebound and /or Nursing home residents of our congregations.

If you are serving your parish in this capacity, please contact Marylou Young by phone (802) 688-4614 or by e mail at Mountainview4@hotmail.com at your earliest convenience. Please include the names(s) of the parishioners being served and how often you are bringing communion to them.

I also wish to thank the parishioners who verbally gave me their homebound communion information already at our first well attended organizational meeting held on Wednesday July 19th at St. John's Parish Hall.

Elderly Minister Group Members will be contacted soon re plans to meet and set up visitation schedules as pastoral caregivers to three Nursing Home facilities in our area .

We are planning to expand this Ministry in the future to more local long term care facilities as we bring communion, prayer and fellowship to " God's oldest friends."

Marylou Young



The Youth Group will be having their annual CAR WASH to benefit both HIS Pantry and St. John's Food Shelf on Saturday, August 5th from 9-12 at the SHSF Parish Center.



First Friday Holy Hour at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales and First Saturday Mass at St. Johns

Please plan to spend some time with Jesus at Adoration and plan to attend the next beautiful First Friday closing service on Friday, August 4, 2023 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm at SHSF,

On Saturday, August 5, 2023 at 9:00 am at St. John's, join us for a First Saturday Mass with Adoration and Confession to follow.

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales has Eucharistic Adoration each Friday starting after the 9:00 am Mass and ending at 8:00 pm.

St. John the Baptist Church has Eucharistic Adoration each Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. These two programs provide an opportunity to honor the Real Presence.