

AUGUST 6, 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

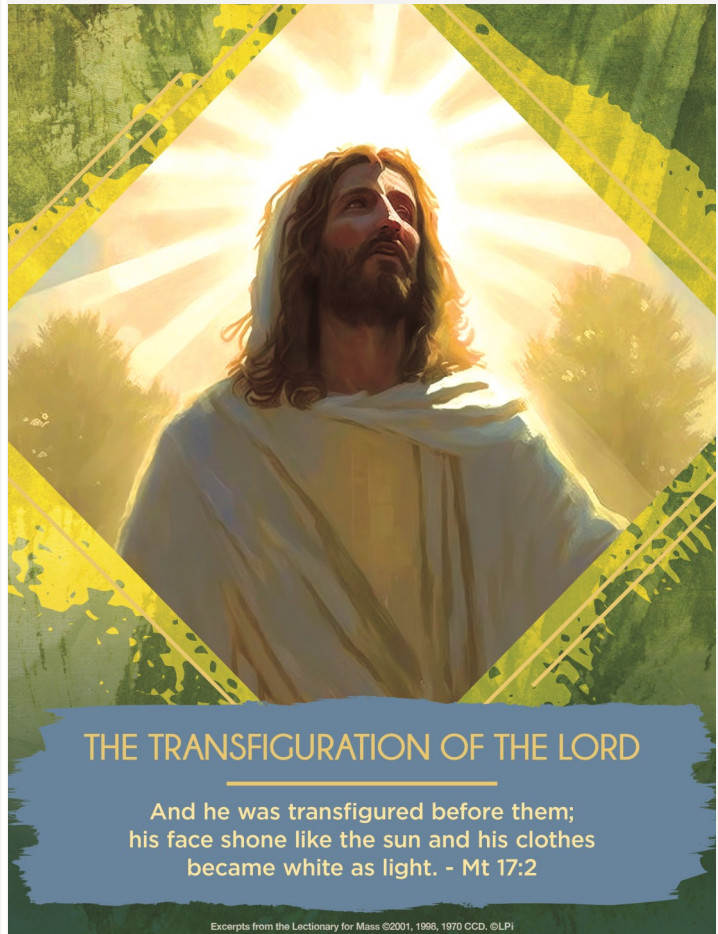
First Saturday of the month from 9:30 - 10:30 am and by appointment.

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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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 8/5-8/13 at

St. John the Baptist and

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales

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

Mon., 8/7 – Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Thomas Tracey by Gary & Kathy Zack

Mike Andreoli by his friends

Julie Betit by Rick & Denise Wetzel & Larry Betit

Tuesday, 8/8 – Saint Dominic, Priest

9:00 am - Henrietta Billow (BD Remem.) by the family

Wed. 8/9 – Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am – Michael, Tom, Daniel, Dave, Mike, Lynn,

Maureen and P.J. Murphy by Joan Murphy

Thurs. 8/10 – Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

9:00 am - Betty Ware by Jane Taylor

Marie Manganelli by Dr. Roy Girasa

Fri. 8/11 – Saint Clare, Virgin

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Edward Budnikas by Dr. Arunas Budnikas

Bryon Stemp by Mary

Sat./Sun., 8/12-8/13 - Weekday/Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 pm- Mark Lindsey (2nd Anniv) by family & friends

10:00 am- Fr. Hugh Cleary for wellness by Terry

Saunders-Boucher

Darlene Galipeau by Charlene & Gary Martin



While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." — Mt 17:5

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1988, 1979 CCB

Sunday Summary

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 The presence of God is attended by unmistakable signs of glory.

Psalms 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 The power of God manifests in melting mountains and restored justice.

2 Peter 1:16-19 The glory of Jesus shines like a lamp illuminating this world's darkness.

Matthew 17:1-9 Jesus outshines the two greatest holy men of ancient times. Listen to him!

✠ From the Pastor's Desk ✠

Congratulations to the School of Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales for being named by the Bennington Banner as "The best of the best of Bennington County, chosen by you" in the category of "best early education" (published in the Banner on July 28, 2023). This distinction recognizes the importance of belonging and contributing to our community of Bennington. It also acknowledges the hard work of our teachers and students. Thank you to all the families who voted for our school as "the best of the best!"

Summer continues to fly by and we now find ourselves in August. Soon, students and teachers will return to school and begin a new academic year. It is always one of my favorite days. We are excited about this new year – and we pledge not to resume until we finish our well-deserved summer break!

In addition to our fine teachers, the School of SHSF also has small classroom sizes. Looking at our enrollment for this upcoming year, now is an excellent time to enroll your child at SHSF! If you know of families who are looking to learn in a quality faith-based environment, please share our information with them. We would love to serve even more families in our community.

God bless,
Fr. Kevin

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: In a vision, the prophet Daniel sees the heavenly throne of God and the coming kingdom of God represented by a human figure, a "son of man." The vision speaks to God's everlasting love and ultimate control of the world. Why do you think God reveals Himself in visions?

Second Reading: Peter speaks of his eyewitness to the majesty of Jesus Christ. How might you witness to family or friends this week your beliefs about Jesus?

Gospel: The transfiguration reveals Jesus's divinity to Peter, James, and John, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." What would you say is the most important lesson from Jesus that we should listen to? ©LPi

Readings for the week of August 6, 2023

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

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33



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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

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| 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

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 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation Tuesday, August 15, 2023

St. John the Baptist Mass Schedule:

Tuesday, August 15 – 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Mass Schedule:

Monday, August 14 Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, August 15 – 12:15 p.m.



Wednesday, 8/9 from 4-5 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
Friday, 8/11 from 11-12 - Food Shelf is open

*"As we walk the road of our spiritual journey,
let us not miss the opportunity to offer a smile and a word
of kindness to every person we encounter,
for we are welcoming the presence of Christ among us."*