

AUGUST 13, 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

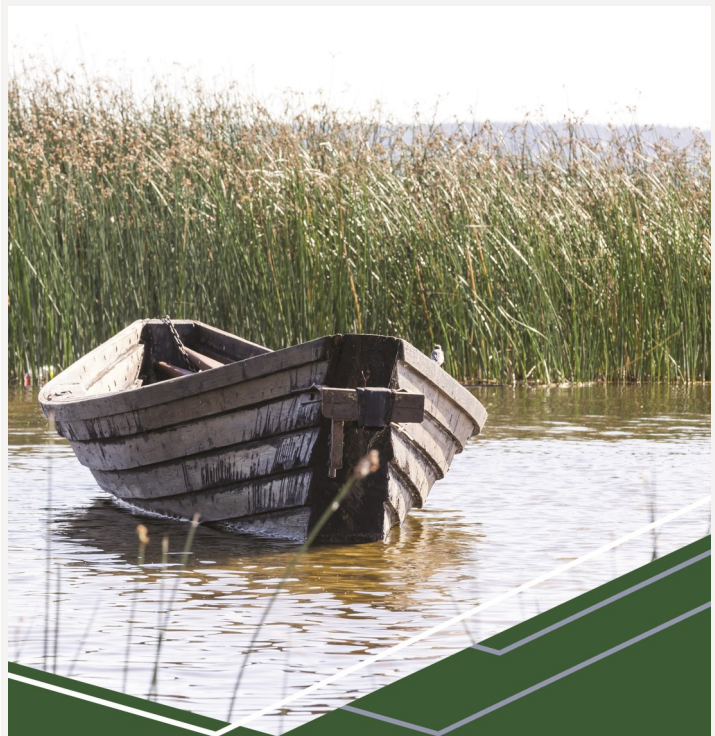
First Saturday of the month from 9:30 - 10:30 am and by appointment.

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.



19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

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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.

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Mass Intentions

And Liturgical Celebrations for 8/12-8/20 at
**St. John the Baptist and
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales**

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

Mon., 8/14 – Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr (Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Fran O'Neill by Gayle Kees & Rosemary Lindsey
Isabell Sleeman by daughter, Juliet & son, Timothy
5:30 p.m.-Our Parish Family (Mass at SHSF)

Tuesday, 8/15 – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am - Patricia Becker by the family
12:15 p.m.- Mass at SHSF
5:30 pm - Eileen Flynn by Judy Rudd

Wed. 8/16 – Weekday (Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am – Aldona Guilmette by a friend

Thurs. 8/17 – Weekday

9:00 am - Thomas and Mary Fox
Marie Manganelli by Dr. Roy Girasa

Fri. 8/18 – Weekday (Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Vincent Johnston by Vicky & Julie
Janet Sausville by Mary & Tom Flood

Sat./Sun., 8/19-8/20 - Weekday/Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 pm- Jo-Ann Browe (10th Anniv) by the sisters
10:00 am-Special Intention
Fr. Michael DeMasi and other deceased members
of the K of C Council #307

✠ From the Pastor's Desk ✠

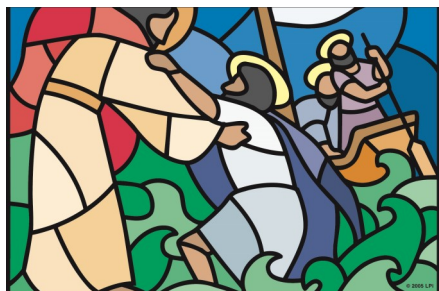
Tuesday, August 15th is the feast of the Assumption of Mary. From the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "...the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when in the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians (paragraph 966).

This is an important feast day for us to celebrate. It points to the promise made to us at our baptism that just as Jesus ascended to heaven, so too will we rise body and soul on the last day! Mary's Assumption to heaven is part of the fulfillment of the promise. Mary followed Jesus, and we too shall follow on the last day. This feast is a Holy Day of Obligation and the Mass schedule is published in the bulletin.

Some Christians have a difficult time accepting this feast day because it is not recorded in the bible. However, Mary would not be the first person taken up to heaven body and soul. In the Old Testament, we read about two holy men (who were not preserved from original sin like Mary was): Enoch and Elijah. "Enoch walked with God, and he was no longer here for God took him" (Genesis 5: 24). "As they walked on still conversing, a fiery chariot and fiery horses came between the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind" (2 Kings 2:11).

As we celebrate the Assumption, let us ponder the decisions we make in our own lives so like Enoch, Elijah, and Mary, we might follow Jesus to heaven on the last day.

God bless,
Fr. Kevin



But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" — Mt 14:30-31

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Sunday Summary

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a Elijah encounters God in a tiny sound, not the mighty "acts of God."

Psalms 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 Kindness and truth, justice and peace, prepare the way of the Lord.

Romans 9:1-5 Paul anguishes over not reaching his people with the message of Christ.

Matthew 14:22-33 Faith in Jesus requires the banishment of fear and doubt.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Christ is always coming to us in ways that we do not expect. Ways that shock us. Ways that frighten us. Ways that seem impossible. Are we ready to accept him however he comes, amidst whatever fear and doubt we are battling within our hearts? ©LPI

Readings for the week of August 13, 2023

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

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10,
13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 *Day:* Rv 11:19a;
12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk
1:39-56

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt
18:21—19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15,
29-32/Mt 15:21-28

SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

Bl. Fr. Michael Joseph McGivney

Blessed Fr. Michael Joseph McGivney was a diocesan priest from Connecticut born to an Irish immigrant family. Together with men from his church, St. Mary's in New Haven, he founded what is now the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization — the Knights of Columbus.



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



Tuesday, 8/15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday, 8/15 from 3-4 pm - Food Shelf Open
Wednesday, 8/16 from 4-5 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
Sunday, 8/20 at 9:00 am - Youth Group Pancake Breakfast

Angels Needed

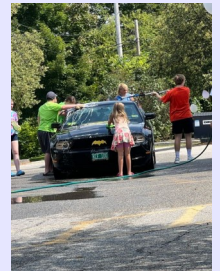


Every year at this time, we have a number of families who find it difficult to meet the rising cost of tuition for Catholic Education. Last year, thanks to the generosity of parishioners from Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales and St. John the Baptist, we were able to help four families in need. Tuition 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.

THANK YOU

To everyone who supported the Youth Group's Car Wash and Bake Sale last Saturday!

\$320.00 each was raised for St. John's Food Shelf and HIS Pantry!



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.



The Youth Group will be holding a Pancake Breakfast next Sunday, August 20th at SHSF from 9:00 am until gone! Come out and support this great group of kids and help raise funds for fun activities.