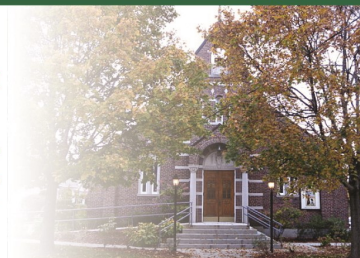


AUGUST 20, 2023

# 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.

Be gracious  
to us, O Lord,  
for we are  
in distress.

PSALM 31:9

God, bring  
consolation  
and relief

*to Maui.*



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

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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 8/19-8/27 at  
**St. John the Baptist and  
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales**

### 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

### Mon., 8/21 – Saint Pius X, Pope

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Ruth Mulvey by- The Family

Janet Sausville by Betty Tange

### Tuesday, 8/22–The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am - Eleanore Simpatico (B-Day Remem) by Henry Simpatico

Brian Allard (B-Day Remem) by Barbara Allard

### Wed. 8/23 – Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am – Michael Gaghan by Peg & Mike Lochner

### Thurs. 8/24 – Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

9:00 am - Fran O'Neil by Gayle Kees & Rosemary Lindsey

### Fri. 8/25 – Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Pete Taylor by his family

Annette Poblocki by Bob

### Sat./Sun., 8/26-8/27 - Weekday/Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 pm- For Our Parishioners

10:00 am- Jeffrey Gilarde by Carol Salazar

Bernie Galipeau by Charlene & Gary Martin



*And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." — Mt 15:22, 24-25*

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## Sunday Summary

**Isaiah 56:1, 6-7** The prophet announces that the house of God is open to all peoples.

**Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8** The salvation of God will be known among all nations.

**Romans 11:13-15, 29-32** Paul trusts his own community will come to salvation.

**Matthew 15:21-28** A foreign woman demonstrates how faith is supposed to look.

## ✠ From the Pastor's Desk ✠

Next weekend is a special weekend for the Congregation of Holy Cross. On Saturday, August 26 at 1:30 pm EDT, ten men of Holy Cross will profess perpetual vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the campus of the University of Notre Dame: Ed Dolphin, C.S.C.; Br. Jacob Eifrid, C.S.C.; Nik Guiney, C.S.C.; Steve Jakubowski, C.S.C.; Ryan Kerr, C.S.C.; Tyler Kreipke, C.S.C.; Peter Puleo, C.S.C.; Br. Matt Rehagen, C.S.C.; Mike Ryan, C.S.C.; and Brian Vetter, C.S.C..

While each man's vocation journey is unique, each of these men spent at least one year in formation before they entered the Holy Cross Novitiate. Some of you may remember that Holy Cross once had a Novitiate here in Bennington! Cascade, CO is the current location of our Holy Cross Novitiate. Both Fr. Hugh and I served time as Novice Master in Cascade. It is at the Novitiate where men discern whether or not God is calling them to profess the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Once they profess vows, they return to Notre Dame and complete a three to four year Master's degree.

You are invited to participate in the Final Vows liturgy by joining via livestream at [livestream.holycrossusa.org](https://livestream.holycrossusa.org). Learn more about the men and mission of Holy Cross by visiting [holycrossusa.org](https://holycrossusa.org) and by following our vocations office on social media @cscvocations.

Let us keep these men in prayer and let us continue to ask God to bless His Church with more priestly and religious vocations.

God bless,  
Fr. Kevin

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**First Reading:** The Lord instructed the prophet Isaiah to be open to "foreigners" (nations other than Israel) for God's covenant with Israel is intended for all people. How welcoming are you to outsiders in your life?

**Second Reading:** Paul believed that Israel's rejection of Jesus became a vehicle for God to reveal his mercy to all people, Jew and Gentile alike. Is there someone in your life who needs your mercy and forgiveness?

**Gospel:** Jesus rewards the Canaanite woman for her great faith by granting the woman's request to heal her daughter. Who would you say has helped you grow in your faith? ©LPi

## Readings for the week of August 20, 2023

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

**Monday:** Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

**Tuesday:** Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday:** Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

**Thursday:** Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51  
**Friday:** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday:** Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

**Next Sunday:** Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20



VNA & HOSPICE will be having a September Hospice Volunteer Training on Friday, Sept. 22nd from 8-4 pm at the Bennington Free Library.

They are also looking for volunteer drivers for their Dinners with Love program to deliver meals from participating restaurants to Hospice patients. For more information please contact Mary at 802-442-0540 or [mary.pleasant@vnahsr.org](mailto:mary.pleasant@vnahsr.org).

There are flyers regarding both of these opportunities on the back bulletin board.



## Faith Formation

Register today!! Forms are available online.

*Classes begin Sunday, September 25, 2023*

*Classes for pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:1kathy.murphy@gmail.com)) or Mary Drew ([maryedrew1@gmail.com](mailto:maryedrew1@gmail.com)) with any questions or call 802-442-3141.

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

### JULY 2023 MONTHLY OFFERTORY

Offertory / Mail Collections .....	\$ 11,786.50
Online Offertory .....	\$ 1,720.00
Total: .....	\$ 13,506.50

Needed Each Month .....	\$14,200.00
Monthly Behind .....	\$ - 693.50

Fiscal Year to Date .....	\$13,506.50
Fiscal YTD Behind .....	\$ - 693.50

*Fiscal Year is July-June*

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



Sunday, 8/20 at 9:00 am - Youth Group Pancake Breakfast  
Wednesday, 8/23 from 4-5 pm - Eucharistic Adoration

### 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.

### SAINT OF THE WEEK

#### V. Mother Celestina Bottego

Venerable Mother Celestina Bottego was born in Ohio. She went on to be the foundress of the Xavier Missionaries Sisters of Mary in Italy. The Sisters rejected the traditional habit commonly worn by religious women in favor of wearing the same clothing styles as those they served.



Project Against Violent Encounters (PAVE) needs your help!

We are in need of volunteers to help staff our 24 hour telephone hotline that is the first point of contact for survivors of any violent encounter to find the support and services they need to begin their journey in moving forward.

If you have any amount of time that you can offer, please reach out to us via email at [pavebennington@gmail.com](mailto:pavebennington@gmail.com) or by phone at 802-442-2370.



### Join us for our Fall Open House! Sunday, September 17 at 9 am

This event will take place at the Sacred Heart Parish Center, but it is for both Sacred Heart St. Francis and St. John the Baptist parish communities.

Stop by for a cup of coffee, snack and conversation as well! Learn about upcoming events such as the October Light of the World retreat, Faith Formation classes and sacramental preparation, Eucharistic Adoration, and more!

We will have a table of Catholic Books to help deepen your faith.

For questions, please contact Kathy Murphy ([1kathy.murphy@gmail.com](mailto:1kathy.murphy@gmail.com)) or Jen McGean ([jennifermcgean@gmail.com](mailto:jennifermcgean@gmail.com))



The Youth Group will be holding a Pancake Breakfast 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.