

AUGUST 27, 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.



## 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

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## Mass Intentions

And Liturgical Celebrations for 8/26-9/3 at  
**St. John the Baptist and  
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales**

### 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

### Mon., 8/28 – Saint Augustine

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Fran O'Neill by Dan Taylor

Janet Sausville by Paula Keatley

### Tuesday, 8/29–The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

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

### Wed. 8/30 – Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am – Yvonne & Walter LaFlamme by the family

### Thurs. 8/31 – Weekday

9:00 am - Betty Ware by Dan Taylor

### Fri. 9/1 – Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Sister Nancy Vendura by Julie

### Sat./Sun., 9/2-9/3 - Weekday/Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am - For Our Parishioners

5:30 pm- Michael McGuire by The McCarthy Family

Karen Mailhot by Linda Meskun

10:00 am- Janet Paturzo (BDay Remem) by her daughter Lisa

Marcus Martinez by The Lindsey Family



“I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

— Mt 16:19-20

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### Sunday Summary

**Isaiah 22:19-23** God chooses who will rise and who will fall by divine decree.

**Psalms 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8** God be praised and thanked for responding to us in our need.

**Romans 11:33-36** God's wisdom and ways are unfathomable to the human mind.

**Matthew 16:13-20** The identity of Jesus is revealed through Simon.

## ✠ From the Pastor's Desk ✠

Thank you to all who have supported the Annual Bishop's Appeal. The diocese recently sent out a report announcing that as a diocese we have reached 64% of its goal. The report also broke down each parish and I am happy to announce that both of our parishes are doing well: Saint John the Baptist has raised \$15,000 of its \$29,000 goal; Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales has raised \$32,000 of its \$56,000 goal. Thank you for your generosity!

A bishop's appeal is a reminder that we are part of a larger church. Not only do we have the needs of our local community to keep in mind we also have the needs of our local church (diocese of Burlington), the universal church (Rome), and churches and charities that have particular and timely needs such as disaster relief. In the Acts of the Apostles, we have an example of how Christians might ideally live: "There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need" (Acts 4:34-35).

With our diocese in a transition of leadership, we have another reminder that this appeal is larger than our own bishop. The successor of Archbishop Coyne will inherit the success or lack thereof of this particular appeal. As our diocese continues to celebrate 170 years of ministry in Vermont, I encourage everyone to give as they are able. Our needs are great and with God, all things are possible!

God bless,  
Fr. Kevin

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

“Who do you say that I am?” Let our whole lives be the answer, given not in words, but in action. If the world looked at your life, your decisions, your words, and your deeds, would they conclude that you are a person who believes Christ is the son of the living God?

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## Readings for the week of August 27, 2023

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

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/  
Mt 16:21-27



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



**Wednesday, 8/30 from 4-5 pm - Eucharistic Adoration**  
**Friday, 9/1 at 7 pm - First Friday Service at SHSF**  
**Saturday, 9/2 at 9 am - First Saturday mass followed by adoration and confession**

# You're Invited!

“Let your work be seen by your servants and your glory by their children; And may the gracious care of the Lord God be ours; prosper the work of our hands for us! Prosper the work of our hands!”

On Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., the parishioners of Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales and Saint John the Baptist Church are warmly invited to gather for a Taize prayer service to pray for the work and success of their parish ministries, programs, committees, and catechists, as well as the students, faculty, staff and helpers of The School of Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales. The service will be offered at Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales Church. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.



## 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, September 1st from 7:00 to 8:00 pm at SHSF,

On Saturday, September 2nd 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 St. John the Baptist has Eucharistic Adoration each Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. These two programs provide an opportunity to honor the Real Presence.

## 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 ([jenni fermcgean@gmail.com](mailto:jenni fermcgean@gmail.com))