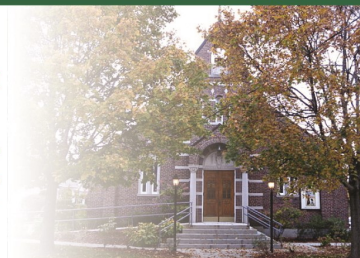


SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

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 9/2-9/10 at
**St. John the Baptist and
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales**

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

Mon., 9/4 – Weekday (Labor Day) (Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Kathleen Wylde by Carolyn & Gerry McMurray
Janet Sausville by The Art & Environment Team

Tuesday, 9/5 – Weekday

9:00 am - Evelyn Herrmann by The Lindsey Family

Wed. 9/6 – Weekday (Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am – NO MASS (Priests Away)

Thurs. 9/7 – Weekday 9:00 am - NO MASS (Priests Away)

Fri. 9/8 – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Eleanore Simpatico by Henry Simpatico
Lloyd Phillips by Dana & Paula
Norbert & Elizabeth Maroney by Mary Jepson

Sat./Sun., 9/9-9/10 - Saint Peter Claver, Priest/Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 pm- Bernard A. and Marion McCarthy (Anniv. Remem.
and BDay Remem. for Bernard) by the McCarthy Family
10:00 am- Eileen Flynn by St. John's Catechists - (Luisa,
Nichole, Heather, Lori, Joanne and Jennifer)
Joseph and Anna Cross by their daughters



“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?”

— Mt 16:24b-26

Scripture from the Lectionary for Mass ©2002, 1998, 1979 CCC.

Sunday Summary

Jeremiah 20:7-9 The prophet feels trapped and yet compelled to speak for God.

Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 We thirst for God and are satisfied at the banquet of the Lord.

Romans 12:1-2 Paul urges us to be transformed according to the will of God.

Matthew 16:21-27 Peter thinks according to the world, and not in the ways of the Kingdom.

✠ From the Pastor's Desk ✠

Labor Day Weekend was always a festive time for me growing up in the Archdiocese of Detroit. Our parish hosted an annual festival on Labor Day. We had three evenings of festive dinners, rides and games to enjoy, and devotional prayers at the parish. It was a great way to visit with friends and prepare to kick off a new school year! This year I suppose I will be enjoying our Garlic Festival – perhaps I will see you there!

I want to call your attention to an activity at Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales Parish Hall on Sunday, September 17th. Though it is not a three-day festival, it will also be a great occasion for our two parishes to gather together and learn about upcoming activities. Please plan to join us for the Open House & Social beginning at 9am. We are also sending out postcard invitations to those parishioners we have not recently heard from. Please feel free to invite neighbors and friends to the Open House & Social.

Finally, we will not celebrate daily Mass on September 6 & 7. Archbishop Coyne is hosting the priests in the diocese for three days of prayer, fellowship, and reflection. Please keep us all in prayer and be assured of our prayers for you.

God bless,
Fr. Kevin

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the loneliness and ridicule he endures for answering his prophetic call. Who do you turn to in times of personal sadness and distress?

Second Reading: Paul challenges us not to be conformed to the present world “but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.” What can you do this week to grow in your thinking as someone who believes in Jesus?

Gospel: Peter is resistant to Jesus’s revelation that as the Messiah, he is destined to suffer and die before rising. How do you react to news difficult to hear?

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Readings for the week of September 3, 2023

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

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20



Light of the World

DO SOMETHING THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE

Light of the World Retreat October 27-30 2023
To be held at St. John the Baptist Church
The retreat is sponsored by SHSF and SJB
(No cost to you, meals provided)
SAVE THE DATE! MORE INFO TO FOLLOW



Faith Formation

Register today!! Forms are available online.

Classes begin Sunday, September 24, 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 (marydrew1@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



Monday, 9/4 - Labor Day - Parish Offices will be closed
Wednesday, 9/6 from 4-5 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
Friday, 9/8 from 11-12 - Food Shelf Open

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.



RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Do you know someone who is interested in joining the Catholic Church or has questions about our Catholic Faith? Someone who:

Has never been baptized?

Has been baptized, but is not a practicing Catholic?

Has been baptized, but never been confirmed?

If you know of someone, please ask them if they would be interested in becoming a full member of our Catholic Church. For more information contact Scott Murphy at 802-362-0201, or you may call either parish office at 447-7504 or 442-3141. The RCIA program will begin in October.

SAINT OF THE WEEK - V. Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik

Venerable Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik became known as Chicago's Apostle of Mercy due to her work in the late 1800's and the early 1900's serving the poor and abandoned. She founded the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago, the first women's religious congregation in Chicago.

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) or Jen McGean (jennifermcgcan@gmail.com)