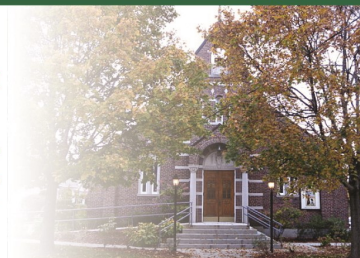


OCTOBER 8, 2023

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

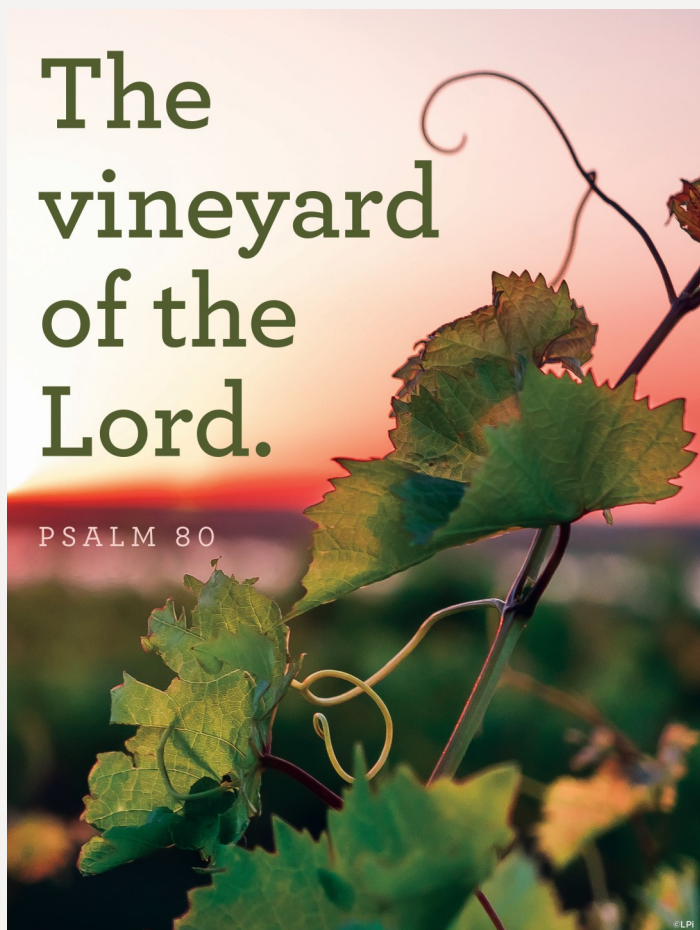
Welcome. Thank you for joining us for our Eucharistic Celebration. Please know that we have a long tradition of kneeling after every Mass to say a brief prayer for vocations.

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.

The vineyard of the Lord.

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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 10/7-10/15 at
**St. John the Baptist and
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales**

Sat./Sun., 10/7-10/8 - Our Lady of the Rosary/ Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am - For Our Parishioners

5:30 pm- John Billow (7th Anniversary) by The Family
Gregory "Rexy" Burke by The DeSantis Family

10:00 am- Cindy Gardner by Kevin and Gayle Kees
Mary Ellen Mattison (26th Anniversary) by the
Lindsey Family

Mon., 10/9- Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Annette Poblocki by Rob

Tuesday, 10/10 - Weekday

9:00 am - Mark Lindsey by Joyce Scarey

Mert Snow (BD Remem.) by St. John's Choir

Wed. 10/11- Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Mary & Anna Bushee, Dorothy Carroll, Albert
Racicot, Racicot & Betit Families, Riley & Bushee Families,
and Alice & Philip Riley by Mary Pat Racicot

Thurs. 10/12 - Weekday

9:00 am - For Our Parishioners

Fri. 10/13- Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Jonathan Winner by Carol & Dean Winner
Fran O'Neill by her family

Sat./Sun., 10/14-10/15 - Weekday/Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 pm- Dolores Lowre by Sophia Healy

Chantz Boleski for healing by Joanie James

10:00 am-Joe Talbot (21st Anniv) by his wife Bea and family
Bernie Galipeau by Charlene and Gary Martin



Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures:
The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone...?"

Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away
from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

— Mt 21:42ab, 43

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Sunday Summary

Isaiah 5:1-7: The prophet's Vineyard Song is about divine love and human betrayal.

Psalms 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20: The psalmist, too, has a song of the vineyard, which God will restore.

Philippians 4:6-9: Paul urges us to direct our thoughts to what is true, just, and gracious.

Matthew 21:33-43: Jesus' Vineyard Song ends more violently for his generation.

✠ From the Faith Formation Desk ✠

I have the blessing of working with families through the Faith Formation program and sacramental preparation. The increasing presence of young families in church is truly heartening.

Reflecting on my own journey, I recall the challenging, yet endearing days of self-described "baby wrestling" and engaging my boys with the simple wonder of spotting ladybugs in the windows at the church's entrance when they were restless sitting in the pews. These personal experiences make me appreciate even more the dedication of today's parents who bring their young children to Mass.

I recently read a compelling article by Monica Portogallo from the Holy Cross Family Ministries, through the CatholicMom.com ministry. In it, she eloquently articulates what moms who bring their little kids to Mass need most from their fellow parishioners:

Smile at us.

Tell me my kids are cute.

Pray for me.

*Tell me you wish your kids took your grandchildren to
Mass, the way I do.*

Say you love seeing and hearing little ones at Mass.

Let me know that you hope to see our family next Sunday.

*Tell me I'm doing something important that's good for my
children.*

Say I'm doing a good job.

According to Monica, sometimes, a gracious response can mean the difference between attending Mass regularly and falling away from the faith.

These young families and children are the future of our church. Pray for them, encourage them, and on the more challenging days, have patience and understanding that they have made the choice to share their faith with their families. Let's keep fostering a community that uplifts each other in faith, for in doing so, we're truly living out the love of the Holy Trinity.

Blessings,

Kathy Murphy, Director of Faith Formation

You can visit Sunday Gospel Activities for Sunday Mass | CatholicMom.com and find activities that are very helpful for living your faith at home.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God's kingdom is open to anyone who will produce its fruit. He offers it to every single one of us. We must be ready to bring forward the goodness of God into each and every day.

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Readings for the week of October 8, 2023

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/
Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: JI 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: JI 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10



It's not too late to register for Faith Formation and Confirmation!

Class schedule for Pre k - 5th grade at SHSF Parish Center Sundays 9:00 -10:30 am:

October 1, 15 and 22
November 5 and 19
December 3, 10, and 17

Mondays 4:30 - 6 pm at SHSF Parish Center (CGS Level II only):

October 2, 14 and 23
November 6 and 20
December 4, 11, and 18

Confirmation class schedule at St. John's 4:30 - 6 :00 pm.

Sponsors and parents are encouraged to attend

October 15
November 19
December 3, 17

If your child will be receiving First Communion this year, please save the date for a parent/child meeting on Monday, **October 16 from 6:00-7:00 pm** at the Sacred Heart St. Francis Parish Center. Food will be served. Children are welcome.

It's not too late to 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.

A NOTE FROM THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE

The Cemetery Committee would appreciate the removal of all plants in the St. John's Cemetery before October 31. Any plants left after that date will be disposed of. Thank you for your cooperation.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

AUGUST 2023 MONTHLY OFFERTORY

Offertory / Mail Collections	\$ 13,520.49
Online Offertory	\$ 1,730.00
Total:	\$ 15,250.49

Needed Each Month	\$14,200.00
Monthly Ahead	\$ 1,050.49

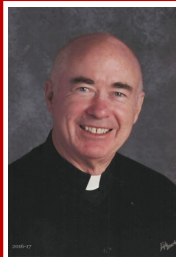
Fiscal Year to Date	\$28,756.99
Fiscal YTD Behind	\$ - 357.29

Fiscal Year is July-June

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



Sunday, 10/8 at 11 am - After Mass Reception for Fr. Hugh
Wednesday, 10/11 from 10-11:30 am - Choir rehearsal
Wednesday, 10/11 from 4-5 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesday, 10/11 at 7 pm - Finance Committee Meeting
Friday, 10/13 from 11-12 - Food Shelf Open
Saturday, 10/14 - Lector Training at SHSF w/Josh Perry
Sunday, 10/15 at 9 am - After Mass Reception for Fr. Hugh at SHSF
Sunday, 10/15 from 12-2 pm - Choir Rehearsal with Matt
Sunday, 10/15 from 4:30-6 pm - Confirmation Class



PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN AFTER MASS SOCIAL CELEBRATING FR. HUGH'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTHOOD

Sunday, Oct. 8th at St. John's after the 10:00 am mass OR
Sunday, Oct. 15th at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales after the 8:00 am mass

Fr. Hugh has requested only gifts of your presence and/or prayers. Please be respectful of Fr. Hugh's wishes of no additional cards or gifts. You will have an opportunity to sign a gift from all at the event.



MARY'S DAY AT MARY'S GARDEN

Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 1:00 pm

Please join us as we celebrate Right to Life Month. The Madonna Della Strada Garden Guild maintains and coordinates events at the Garden. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 802-447-7504.

THANK YOU to those who have given to the 2023 Bishop's Appeal. Your gift supports a variety of ministries and services impacting all of our parishes, including Catholic faith formation, education, vocations, emergency aid, and so much more. Please visit bishopsappealvt.org for more information or to make a gift.

As of 9-27-23 our parish has raised \$20,842 toward our goal of \$29,448. This is 71% of our parish goal.



Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Annual Harvest Dinner is back! Saturday, November 11th at 5:00 pm

It's been 4 years, but the Harvest Dinner is back! Turkey and all the fixings. Slips are on the back table for you to make reservations if you'd like to attend, and you can drop your slip in the collection baskets. If you'd like to lend a hand and/or cook a turkey, call the Parish Office at 802-442-3141.



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)

Please know that what you will gain from attending the Light of the World retreat will far outweigh your investment in time and commitment.

Register on-line: <https://forms.gle/PHRg6X282vx96G4H6> or

please return registration form to SHSF or St. John's Parish office, or drop in the collection basket

For More information, contact 802-442-3141