

JANUARY 7, 2024

# 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

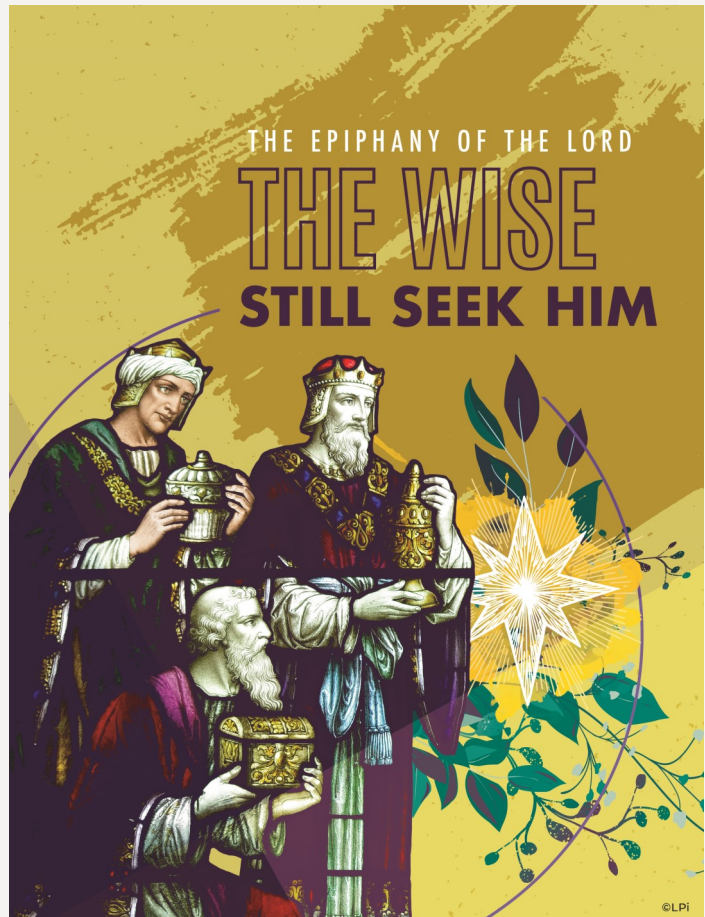
First Saturday of the month from 9:30 - 10:30 am and by appointment.

## 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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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 1/6-1/14 at  
**St. John the Baptist and  
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales**

### Sat./Sun., 1/6-1/7 - Christmas Weekday/The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 am - For Our Parishioners

5:30 pm- Bernie Galipeau by Charlene and Gary Martin  
Special Intention

10:00 am- Eileen Flynn by St. John Catechists-Luisa,  
Nichole, Heather, Lori, Joanne and Jennifer  
Marcus Martinez by Carol Salazar  
Linda Greenslet by Family and Friends

### Mon., 1/8 - The Baptism of the Lord (Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Gene Farrar (25th) by Doris & Ron Alderman

### Tues., 1/9 – Weekday

9:00 am - Danny Marinelli by a friend

### Wed. 1/10 - Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am- Mary & Anna Bushee, Madeline & Howard  
Fitzgerald, Rita Myers, Albert Racicot, Aldo & Philip Racicot,  
Alice & Philip Riley by Mary Pat Racicot

### Thurs. 1/11 – Weekday

9:00 am-J. Arthur Hogan (11th Anniv) by the Lindsey Family

### Fri. 1/12 – Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Our Parish Family

### Sat./Sun., 1/13-1/14 - Weekday/Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 pm- Mary Flood by The Red Hatters

10:00 am- Marcus Martinez by the Flynn/Thibodeau Family  
Mert Snow by Margy Boulet



*They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering  
the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.*

*They prostrated themselves and did him homage.*

*Then they opened their treasures and offered him  
gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. — Mt 2:10-11*

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

### Sunday Summary

**Isaiah 60:1-6** The whole people of Israel will become like light to the nations.

**Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13** The just king will receive the homage of many nations and peoples.

**Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6** Here is the revealed mystery: Gentiles become partners with Israel in the divine promise.

**Matthew 2:1-12** While the Magi do homage to the newborn king, the present king broods and schemes.

## ✠ From the Pastor's Desk ✠

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. We recall the Wise Men from the East who followed the star to Bethlehem and found baby Jesus. In addition to seeking Jesus, they also worshiped Him and gave Him precious gifts. The actions of the Wise Men can be instructions for us on how to grow as disciples of Jesus: let us *seek* Him, *worship* Him, and *give* Him the gift of our lives.

On Monday we will celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. We will remember that the Holy Spirit descended as a dove and the voice of God the Father declared: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." After Jesus' baptism, He spends 40 days in the desert where He overcomes temptations. Then He returns to civilization to preach, heal, and teach people about God the Father.

The Baptism of Jesus leads us to Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time is meant to be a time for us to grow in holiness – we wear the color "green" to remind us of this call to grow. Like plants, we need rich soil, water, and sun to grow. Our "nutrition" comes in the form of study (reading scripture, catechism, lives of the saints), worship (praying at home, celebrating the sacraments, adoring the Lord), and service (practicing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy).

I pray for all of us this year; that this will be a time for rich growth and followers of Jesus.

God bless,  
Fr. Kevin

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**First Reading:** Isaiah foresaw a future when the Lord would use Israel as His instrument to shine His glory into the world. What could you do this week to show God's glory to others?

**Second Reading:** Paul met a lot of resistance when he spoke of God's "revelation" that Gentiles are "coheirs" and "copartners" with Jews in the divine promise fulfilled in Christ Jesus. How welcoming are you to outsiders?

**Gospel:** In the story of the magi's visit, we see the prophecies of Isaiah (our first reading) fulfilled with the treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh given to the Holy Family. What gift do you give to the Lord?

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## Readings for the Week of January 7, 2024

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42





**Class schedule for Pre K- 5th grade at SHSF Parish Center**  
**Sundays 9:00 -10:30 am:** January 7, 21, 28  
 February 4, 11, 25

**Mondays 4:30 - 6 pm at SHSF Parish Center (CGS Level II only):** January 8, 22, 29 and February 5, 12, 26

**Confirmation class schedule at St. John's 4:30 - 6 :00 pm.**  
**Sponsors and parents are encouraged to attend**  
 January 7, 21 , February 10-11 **Souper Bowl Sunday Collection**  
**after Mass Both Churches, Feb. 25**

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** to Fran Endres, Nancy Myers, John Ulrich, Kevin Kees, Tim & Rosie Goliber, and Rosemary & Ron Lindsey for sharing their time and talents to help create a beautiful and warm environment to welcome the Christ Child into our parish home. Thank you also to Bob Carey for his help with all the heavy lifting. ~ Margy Boulet

**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](http://bishopsappealvt.org) for more information or to make a gift.

To date, our parish has raised \$22,917.00 toward our goal of \$29,448.00. This is 78% of our parish goal.

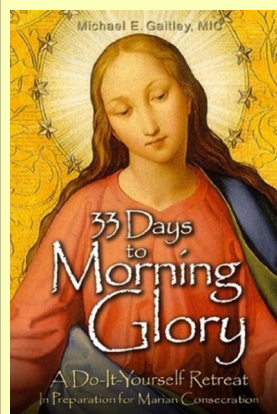


## World Marriage Day

On the weekend of February 10th & 11th , our parish will recognize couples who are celebrating significant milestones – 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years of marriage and above – during

2024. If you are a couple, or know of a couple, who should be recognized in the parish bulletin, please call the parish office (802-447-7504) or email [saintjohnchurch1@gmail.com](mailto:saintjohnchurch1@gmail.com) before January 25th .

Financial Reports of 2023 donations will be available starting Feb. 1, 2024. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like one at 802-447-7504 or [saintjohnchurch1@gmail.com](mailto:saintjohnchurch1@gmail.com)



**Join us this January** on a 33-day retreat to consecrate ourselves to Jesus through Mary. This will be a self-guided retreat with an opportunity to meet for weekly sessions. We will be following the book "33 Days to Morning Glory" by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC.

How does Mary help us grow closer to Jesus? Jesus gave us the gift of His mother as our Mother as she stood at the foot of the Cross. Mary's job is to help us grow in holiness.

**WHEN:** Consecration is Sunday, February 11, 2024, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Come to one or all sessions or prepare on your own.

Daily readings begin January 9.

**Fellowship opportunities:** Thursdays after 9:00 am Mass at St. John the Baptist Dates: January 4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8

OR Thursdays at 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Dates: January 4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8

Some books will be available. Retreat videos can also be viewed through Formed.org: <https://watch.formed.org/33-days-to-morning-glory-1>

If you are interested, please call the SHSF parish office 802-442-3141 and leave your name, phone number, and e-mail address.or contact Kathy Murphy at [1kathy.murphy@gmail.com](mailto:1kathy.murphy@gmail.com) or Jen McGean at [jennifermcgean@gmail.com](mailto:jennifermcgean@gmail.com)

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

### NOVEMBER 2023 MONTHLY OFFERTORY

Offertory / Mail Collections .....	\$ 13,457.75
Online Offertory .....	\$ 1,955.00
Total: .....	\$ 15,412.75

Needed Each Month .....	\$ 14,200.00
Monthly Ahead .....	\$+ 1,212.75

Fiscal Year to Date .....	\$ 72,629.04
Fiscal YTD Ahead .....	\$ +2,982.76

*Fiscal Year is July-June*

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



**Tuesday, 1/9 at 7 pm - Liturgy meeting**  
**Wednesday, 1/10 from 10-11:30 am - Choir rehearsal**  
**Wednesday, 1/10 from 4-5 pm - Eucharistic Adoration**  
**Wednesday, 1/10 at 7 pm - Finance Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, 1/11 at 6 pm - Sodality Meeting**  
**Friday, 1/12 from 3-4 pm - Food Shelf Open**