

JANUARY 14, 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.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD.

— JOHN 1:36 —



CONGREGATION OF  
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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 1/13-1/21 at  
**St. John the Baptist and  
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales**

### 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

### Mon., 1/15 - Weekday

**(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)**

9:00 am - Margaret Lillie by Margaret Comar

### Tues., 1/16 – Weekday

9:00 am - Elaine Letourneau by The Lindsey Family

### Wed. 1/17 - Saint Anthony, Abbot

**(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)**

9:00 am- Rita Rosso by Bob Rosso & Family

### Thurs. 1/18 – Weekday

9:00 am- Danny Marinelli by a friend

### Fri. 1/19 – Weekday

**(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)**

9:00 am - Our Parish Family

### Sat./Sun., 1/20-1/21 - Weekday/Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 pm- Helen Crocoll by a friend  
For Our Parishioners

10:00 am- Ron Higgins by Daniel Higgins and Mary Ellen  
& Lawrence Dupuis  
Mert Snow by Kevin and Gayle Kees



John was standing with two of his disciples,  
and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said,  
“Behold, the Lamb of God.” The two disciples  
heard what he said and followed Jesus.

— Jn 1:35-37

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

### Sunday Summary

**1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19** Samuel, asleep near the ark of God, is awakened by an unfamiliar voice.

**Psalms 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10** God prefers attentive ears and a faithful heart to a lifetime of sacrifice.

**1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20** Immorality has no place in a body destined for glory.

**John 1:35-42** Andrew is the first to learn that the long-awaited Messiah has arrived.

## ✠ From the Pastor's Desk ✠

January is a special month for the Congregation of Holy Cross. We celebrate Saint Andre Bessette, C.S.C. and Blessed Basil Moreau, C.S.C.. Brother Andre entered eternal life on January 6th, 1937 at the age of 91. Saint Andre is known as the “Miracle Man of Montreal.” He is known for his deep devotion to Saint Joseph as he founded the beautiful Oratory of Saint Joseph. Among the thousands of miracles attributed to his intercession, I would like to share a personal story about the graces that I received at the Oratory.

Between high school and college, my pastor took a seminarian and two of us discerning a priestly vocation to the Oratory on a pilgrimage. My prayer on this pilgrimage was clarity on where I should attend seminary: should I study for the Archdiocese of Detroit or the Congregation of Holy Cross? I felt God calling me to parish life, specifically parish life with a school, which seemed to direct me to the archdiocese. I also did not want to move far away from home. Yet something was stirring in my heart ever since I visited the Congregation of Holy Cross in Indiana. Accepted to both programs and deeply conflicted, I found peace in my discernment while praying in the chapel where Brother Andre’s heart is located. Only several years later did I discover that Brother Andre belonged to the same community that I joined in Indiana. Grateful for my vocation, I pray “Thank you, Brother Andre!”

I will write about Blessed Basil Moreau next week.

God bless,  
Fr. Kevin

### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

“Come and see,” Jesus said to the disciples who were curious to know about him. Today, he whispers this invitation into the deepest place of our heart. Have courage — go, and see what Christ has to show you. ©LPi

### 2024 Sunday Missals

If you would like to purchase a Sunday Missal, they are available in the Parish Office for \$5.00. Please contact the office at 802-447-7504 or [saintjohnchurch1@gmail.com](mailto:saintjohnchurch1@gmail.com)

### Readings for the Week of January 14, 2024

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

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20





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

**Mondays 4:30 - 6 pm at SHSF Parish Center (CGS Level II only):** January 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 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 ([marydrew1@gmail.com](mailto:marydrew1@gmail.com)) with any questions or call 802-442-3141.



### 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.



**What a great start to our World Marriage Day List!**  
**Happy Anniversary to Joe and Peg Crossman**  
**68 years today – January 14, 2024!**

### A NOTE FROM THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE

The Cemetery Committee requests that wreaths and any holiday items in St. John's Cemetery be removed by February 1. Anything left after that date will be discarded. Thank you for your cooperation.

### 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 |

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

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| 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



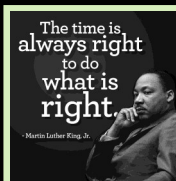
**Monday, 1/15 - Parish Offices closed in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

**Tuesday, 1/16 from 3-4 pm - Food Shelf Open**

**Tuesday, 1/16 at 7 pm - Liturgy meeting (rescheduled)**

**Wednesday, 1/17 from 10-11:30 am - Choir rehearsal**

**Wednesday, 1/17 from 4-5 pm - Eucharistic Adoration**



Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2024 in honor of

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



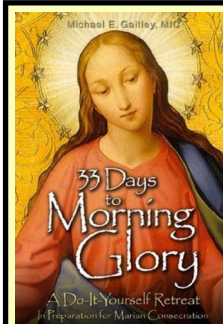
### Souper Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl Weekend February 10 - 11

The Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990 with a simple prayer from a youth group. **"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."**

Since that day, more than \$170 million has been raised in communities across the country. Through this mission, young people learn to make a positive difference in the world.

Please join us in being part of this mission that is sharing God's love with those in need. Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday.

**The youth of our parishes will be collecting money after each Mass the weekend of Feb. 10 -11.** All the money collected will stay here and be donated to HIS Pantry and the Food Shelf at St. John the Baptist



### Retreat Fellowship opportunities:

Thursdays after 9 am Mass at St. John the Baptist Dates: Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8

OR Thursdays at 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Dates: Jan. 18, 25, Feb.1, 8

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

For questions, 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)

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)



An extra- special **thank you** to Preston McAdoo for the beautiful new crèche he built for us as a shelter for the Holy Family. It greatly enhances our Nativity scene and adds to the wonder and awe of our Savior's birth

~Margy Boulet