

JANUARY 21, 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.



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."
- Mk 1:17

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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 1/20-1/28 at
**St. John the Baptist and
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales**

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

Mon., 1/22 - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)
9:00 am - Our Parish Family

Tues., 1/23 – Weekday

9:00 am - John Scarey (7th Anniv.) by the family

Wed. 1/24 - Saint Francis de Sales (Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am- Vincent Angeline by Kathy & Gary Zack

Thurs. 1/25 – The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

9:00 am- Thomas and Mary Fox

Fri. 1/26 – Saint Timothy and Saint Titus (Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Our Parish Family

Sat./Sun., 1/27-1/28 - Weekday/Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 pm- Darlene Galipeau (3rd Anniv) by Charlene and Gary Martin
For Our Parishioners
10:00 am- Mert Snow by Linda Meskun
Elaine Letourneau by The McGean Family



As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” — Mk 1:16-17

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Sunday Summary

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 God is moved by the wholesale repentance of a very wicked people.

Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Those who seek the paths of the Lord will walk in truth.

1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Paul warns his community not to hold onto the present world too closely.

Mark 1:14-20 Jesus begins his mission, and another version of the call to discipleship is modeled.

✠ From the Pastor's Desk ✠

I wrote last week that we celebrated the Congregation of Holy Cross' first saint on January 6th: Saint Andre Bessette, C.S.C.. This weekend, January 20th is the feast day of Blessed Basil Moreau, C.S.C.. Fr. Moreau founded our community of Holy Cross in France in the aftermath of the French Revolution. During the French Revolution, many members of the royal family, their cabinet members, and clergy were put to death at the guillotine. It was a dangerous time to be a priest – it was dangerous then to be an educator – Fr. Moreau was both. He was charismatic and full of zeal. He rallied others to join his community to be “educators in the faith.” Our community grew under his leadership and bishops throughout the world asked Fr. Moreau to send them religious brothers, sisters, and priests. From our foundation, our community was a missionary community.

Fr. Moreau died in 1873. Our community has been celebrating a jubilee year in honor of Fr. Moreau asking for his intercession in various ministries throughout the world. Our General Superior, Brother Paul Bednarczyk, C.S.C., and his council agreed this year to take on a new mission in Papua New Guinea! Though I am more of a “home-body” and do not consider myself “missionary-material,” this is an exciting time for our community. Please keep us in your prayers.

Parishioners have asked me about the ring I wear on my wedding finger. On my ring are the words “Spes Unica” which is short for our community's motto: “Hail the cross our only hope.” There is also a cross intertwined by two anchors. The anchor is an ancient symbol for sailors that represents hope. The cross, of course, is the sign of our redemption. The reason I wear a ring on that finger is because when I made final vows, I pledged myself to Christ and His church forever – like a married person, I am committed to another: Christ. In this assignment, I am committed to you. Please let me know if I can be of help.

God bless,
Fr. Kevin

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The disciples were fishing when Christ found them, hard at work to support their families, casting their nets into the sea. Sometimes when God calls us, we are in the middle of something else. Don't be afraid to change your plans to follow Him. ©LPi

Readings for the Week of January 21, 2024

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

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28



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) or Mary Drew (maryedrew1@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 before January 25th.

Thanks to all who have made contact about 2024 anniversaries so far. It's not too late to add to the list! A reminder - anything over 50 years should be on the list as well as the milestones.



Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Monday, January 22, 2024

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

DECEMBER 2023 MONTHLY OFFERTORY

Offertory / Mail Collections	\$ 13,992.75
Online Offertory	\$ 1,420.00
Christmas	\$ 3,349.60
Total:	\$ 18,762.35
Needed Each Month	\$ 14,200.00
Monthly Ahead	\$+ 4,562.35
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 91,391.39
Fiscal YTD Ahead	\$ +7,545.11

Fiscal Year is July-June

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



Wednesday, 1/24 from 10-11:30 am - Choir rehearsal
Wednesday, 1/24 from 4-5 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday, 1/25 after 9 am mass - Retreat fellowship



January 28 - Feb. 3

Save the date:
Basket Bingo will be

Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024 starting at 5 pm at SHSF Parish Center.



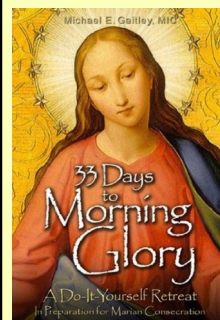
Souper Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl Weekend February 10 - 11

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. 25, Feb. 1, 8

OR Thursdays at 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Dates: Jan. 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 or Jen McGean at jennifermcgean@gmail.com

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.

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

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