

JANUARY 28, 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.



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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 1/27-2/4 at
**St. John the Baptist and
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales**

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

Mon., 1/29 - Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Intentions of Kyle Anthony Moyer by his Mom

Tues., 1/30 - Weekday

9:00 am - Elaine Letourneau by Linda Meskun
Special Intention by Fran Endres and Family

Wed. 1/31 - Saint John Bosco, Priest

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am- Our Parish Family

Thurs. 2/1 - Weekday

9:00 am- Mert Snow by the Flynn/Thibodeau Family

Fri. 2/2 - The Presentation of the Lord

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

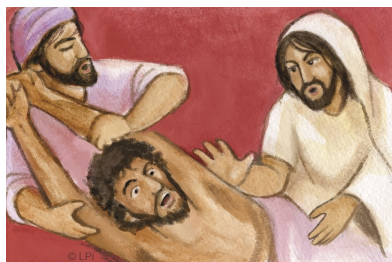
9:00 am - Our Parish Family

Sat./Sun., 2/3-2/4 - Weekday/Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am - For Our Parishioners

5:30 pm- Autumn Kenyon (healing mass) by a friend
Tom DePollo (healing mass) by a friend
SHSF School students, families and staff

10:00 am- Eileen Flynn (1st Anniv) by the family
Rose Reardon (BD Remem) by Lisa Paturzo



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Sunday Summary

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Moses predicts a future prophet over Israel, later known as the Teacher of Righteousness.

Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 Attentiveness to God's voice requires the softening of our hearts.

1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Paul gives advice about how celibacy frees the heart for whole-souled dedication to service.

Mark 1:21-28 Jesus reveals himself as a teacher with a rare new authority to which even demons respond.

✠ From the Pastor's Desk ✠

We celebrate Catholic Schools Week from January 27 to February 3. I asked our principal, Tiffany McKenna to write a reflection for us this weekend. We are truly blessed to have her leading this wonderful ministry of education!

"In 2011, after finishing my graduate program at UConn, the beloved Mr. David Estes hired me to teach first grade at The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales for my first professional teaching position. It is because of that fateful moment that I immediately fell in love with this school, the community, and the faith.

Unfortunately, my tenure didn't last long. As is still very much a concern for our teachers, the salary was quite low. I was living in my grandparent's basement and the majority of my paycheck was going directly to student loans. It just wasn't financially feasible for me to stay at that time. With a broken heart and while shedding many tears (there is photo evidence!), I accepted a position at another local public elementary school. I always knew that when I was able, I would return to the community that I loved so much.

I truly believe it was the work of Christ that brought me back here much earlier than I anticipated. When the opportunity knocked, I answered. I knew that in order to continue my passion for education and relationships with students, I needed to make a change and the *only* place I would have jumped ship for is this school right here.

As we embark on this wonderful week of celebrating Catholic schools, let us remember how blessed we are to be able to practice our faith each day, to serve Christ, each other, and our community, and to be part of such a supportive and close-knit community. We thank you all for being a part of our family and supporting our mission."

God bless,
Principal Tiffany McKenna

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

With one swift command, Jesus freed a man from the possession of evil spirits. He has that same power to banish the shadow of sin from our own lives. Let's invite him into our hearts, asking him to cleanse the darkness he finds there.

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Readings for the Week of January 28, 2024

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

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39



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

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

Catholic Schools Week is January 28 - Feb. 3

There will be a social to kick off Catholic Schools Week Sunday, Jan. 28 in the SHSF Parish Center after the 8:00 am mass. To end Catholic Schools week, students will be acknowledged during the St. John's 5:30 pm mass on Saturday, Feb. 3rd.

Basket Bingo will be Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024 at SHSF Parish Center. Doors open at 5:00 pm

First Friday Holy Hour at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales and First Saturday Mass at St. Johns

The next beautiful First Friday closing service is on Friday, February 2nd from 7:00 to 8:00 pm at SHSF. On Saturday, February 3rd at 9:00 am at St. John's, join us for a First Saturday Mass with Adoration and Confession to follow.

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, 1/31 from 10-11:30 am - Choir rehearsal
Wednesday, 1/31 from 4-5 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday, 2/1 after 9 am mass - 33 Day Retreat fellowship
Friday, 2/2 at 7 pm - First Friday Service at SHSF
Saturday, 2/3 at 9 am -First Saturday mass at St. John's



St. Pauly Textile, Inc. would like to say thank you for supporting the clothing shed program. 22,451 pounds of clothing were donated to our shed in 2023. This was enough to clothe an estimated 4,136 people all over the world. Based on this volume of clothing, our organization received \$898.00.



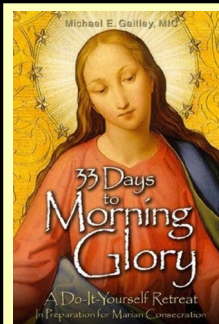
Souper Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl Weekend February 10 - 11

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: Feb. 1, 8

OR Thursdays at 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Dates: 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