

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Mass: Sunday 10:30 am

Mass: Wednesday 6:00 pm

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 13, 2025

July 20, 2025

Lectors

Carolyn Brown
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Matt Sheehy
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***Ministry for the
Sick and Homebound***

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Emanuel Lozano
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Celeste Sheehy

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Parish Council Members

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Mr. Joseph Brown, Mr. Freddy
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Mr. Stanley Glynn

Court #385 Grand Lady

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“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” Luke 10:27

A scribe asked Jesus what he needed to do to inherit eternal life. Jesus asked the scribe what the Law of Moses taught. The above line was the scribe's response. He was essentially quoting Deuteronomy 6:4, which was a common prayer prayed by the Jews and seen as a summary of the entire Law of Moses as found in the Ten Commandments. Notice that this summary of the Law does not present a negative prohibition such as “Thou shalt not...” Instead, it is a positive command stating, “Thou shalt love...” Love is the fulfillment of the Law of the Old Testament, as well as the fulfillment of the New Law of Christ. When we love God with our whole being, that love overflows upon all of God's creatures, including our neighbor. In this Gospel, the scribe goes on to ask Jesus who His neighbor is. Jesus responds by telling the Parable of the Good Samaritan. In that parable, there was a man beaten and left for dead on the side of the road. A priest and a Levite passed by and ignored the man. But a Samaritan passed by and took care of the man, bringing him to an inn and vowing to pay for his recovery. The story concludes by the Samaritan being identified as the one who acted as a neighbor to the victim. Traditionally, the victim of the robbers in this story has been seen as Adam. Adam represents fallen humanity. The Samaritan represents Jesus who cared for fallen humanity, healed us of sin and provided for our every need. Therefore, according to this parable, Jesus has acted as a neighbor to us, and we must love Him as we love ourselves. But Jesus also says, “Go and do likewise.” This is a commission to fallen humanity, now healed of sin, to go forth to others, acting as Jesus Himself, bringing the healing grace they have been given and bestowing it upon others generously. Sometimes we can see love as a feeling or emotion. Though love is often accompanied by certain emotions and feelings, love is much more. It is an action. In this parable, if the Samaritan simply looked upon the victim and felt sorry for him, had compassion for him but then moved on, he would not have shown love. The love of charity is an action and requires much of us. If we are to fulfill this first and greatest commandment of love of God and neighbor, then we cannot wait until we feel like loving to act. Instead, we must act now and not hesitate. This is love. Reflect, today, upon the true nature of love. Love, in its most elevated form, is the choice to do what is best for others—to help free them from sin and to be an instrument of God's providence in their lives. It's a participation in the very love that God has shown us in Christ Jesus by giving His life for our salvation. We are all called to devote ourselves to this same form of selfless and sacrificial love. Doing so is a requirement for the glorious sharing in eternal life.

My loving Lord, You have given everything to fallen humanity. You have freed us from sin and provided for all of our needs. You have acted as a true neighbor in every way. Please give me the grace I need to imitate You and to

participate in the love You have for others. May I truly act and never hesitate to bestow on others the charitable love to which I am called. Jesus, I trust in You.

St. John's Offering

July 6, 2025

Will be included in next weeks bulletin

Please add names of church members and their family members to the sick list in the foyer of the church so that we may pray for you. We will update the list weekly and remove names from the list monthly. If a name should remain on the list indefinitely, please notify Celeste Sheehy.

Sick List

Father God, we pray for all those who are facing sickness in their bodies. We ask that you restore their health, soothe their pain, and ease their worries. Give them your peace and comfort.

In Jesus name, Amen!

Don McKelvain

Jessie Hithe

Julie Hemstreet

Roseann Reyes

Santos Rodriguez, Sr.

Ed Jasek

Eva M. Gonzales

Gary Gradel

Diocesan News

July 25, 2025 6:30 pm – July 27, 2025 3:00 pm – The Life-Giving Wounds Retreat is a three-day retreat for young adults and adults with divorced or separated parents. It invites participants to move through the broken image of love that appeared to them in their parent's relationship to their deepest identity found in God. The retreat gives participants a greater understanding of the wound of divorce and how it affects their lives, offers advice about the difficulties concerning love and trust of others, and explains how the Catholic faith, spiritual practices, and the Sacraments are essential to self-knowledge and healing. Registration is required.

Announcements

We will have **pastries and coffee available in Sophie Hall after Mass** every Sunday except the fourth Sunday of the month. Please stop by and visit for a few minutes.

In conjunction with Shepherd's Heart, we provide a **food pantry for the community in Sophie Hall on the second Saturday of every month.** Contact Sylvia Glynn at 254-495-5292 if you would like to volunteer to help.

The **Parish Council** usually meets at noon on the **second Saturday of every month** in Sophie Hall. **There is not a July meeting.**

July 21, 2025, 6:00 pm – Tentatively, practice for all new and returning **Altar Servers** will be held in the church.

July 26, 2025, 9:00 am – The **Annual Men’s Mass** is coming up at St. Mary’s Church in College Station, and is open to all men in the Diocese. This is a great opportunity to celebrate Mass with your son, grandson, brother, friends, and other men across the Austin Diocese in the brand new St. Mary’s church, which is stunning! There will be a free reception immediately following the Mass. We look forward to seeing you there!

July 26, 2025 – Join us at St. Louis Catholic Church in Waco for a powerful day of faith, family, and formation! This year’s theme is **“Hope for the Family, Hope in Christ.”** Enjoy dynamic talks from keynote speakers Scott and Amy Latta, engaging formation for toddlers to teens, Confession and Mass, and unforgettable family activities that will strengthen your domestic church. Snacks, drinks, and lunch will be provided as well as a nursery and childcare, as needed, for those ages 6 and under. Just \$50 per household. Register now at redcradio.org/familyretreat25. Space is limited—don’t wait!

August 3, 2025 – The **Catholic Women’s Group** is selling tickets for **The Big Raffle**. Enter to win and choose one of 4 prizes per ticket. Tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$20. Prizes are a grillmaster cooler, self-care basket, a \$100 gift card bouquet, and a smoked brisket.

November 2, 2025 – The Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary are holding a **Beef Raffle**. Tickets are \$10 each. 1st prize is 100 pounds of beef, 2nd 75 lb, 3rd 50 lb, 4th and 5th 25 lb prizes will be awarded.

If you are aware of a **church member who is ill, hospitalized, or homebound**, contact Carolyn Brown at saintjohn1312@yahoo.com.

If you are interested in **becoming a member of St. John’s**, please fill out the membership card located in the foyer of the church. St. John’s would like to welcome our new members and our guests. We are so very glad to have you with us.

If you have items for the bulletin, please submit them to Celeste Sheehy at saintjohn1312@yahoo.com. **Please submit all items by 5:00 pm on Thursday** to allow time to prepare the bulletin for Sunday Mass.



AUGUST 3, 2025

THE BIG RAFFLE

ENTER TO WIN!
CHOOSE YOUR OWN PRIZE!

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**\$5 each or
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Option #1

Grillmaster Cooler

Option #2

Selfcare basket

Option #3

\$100 giftcard bouquet

Option #4

Whole Smoked Brisket

Each prize is worth \$100 or more in retail value!!!

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S GROUP

To purchase tickets please contact
Heather: 254-855-0671 OR Destiny: 786-972-5668

All funds will go towards the Virgin Mary Sanctuary Fund





CHOOSE YOUR OWN PRIZE!

