



Friendship with Christ In Our Time

February 2, 2025 | The Presentation of the Lord



WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5PM
Sunday 8:30 & 11AM

WEEK DAY MASSES

Monday 8AM
Tuesday 5:30PM
Wednesday 8AM
Thursday 9:30AM
Friday 8AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 4:30 – 5:15PM
Friday 7 – 7:45AM
Saturday 9 – 10AM

ADORATION HOURS

Monday – Saturday 9AM – 5PM
Sunday 12 – 5PM
Enter through door #10 during open hours

Contact Us

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday 8:30AM – 4PM
Friday 8:30AM – 1PM

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Weekly Mass Readings & Intentions

Sunday, January 26

Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

8:30AM For our Parishioners

11AM † Matilda Mae Miller

Monday, January 27

Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20

8AM † Kay Hiebert

Tuesday, January 28

Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43

5:30PM † Bob Jones

Wednesday, January 29

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

8AM † † Gil and Lillian Mathews

Thursday, January 30

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11/Mk 6:7-13

9:30AM John and Dorothy Braunlich

Friday, January 31

Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29

8AM † Todd Kelsey

Saturday, February 1

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

5PM † † Charles and Josephine Micek

Sunday, February 2

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

8:30AM For our Parishioners

11AM † Betty Stieg

In Our Prayers

Baptism

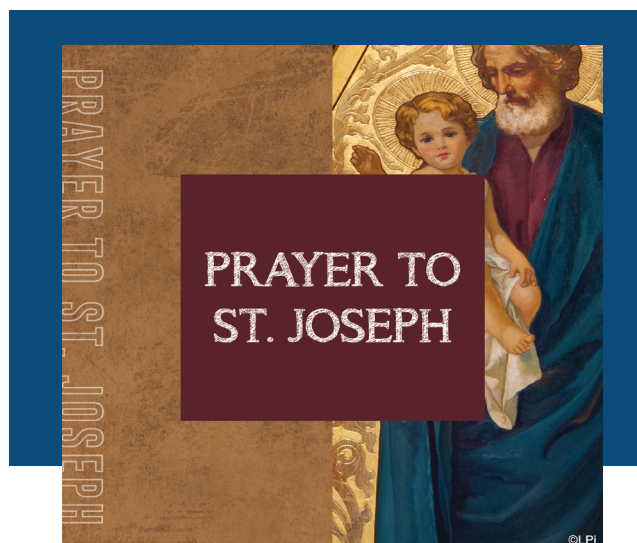
George Samuel Memmen

New Parishioners

Megan Stewart and Andrew Forsman

Holy Family Flowers

In Loving Memory of Nancy Hunter



Devotions, Explained!

Prayer to St. Joseph

For centuries, Christians have relied on the intercessory prayers of Joseph, earthly spouse of the Blessed Virgin and foster father of Christ, who was obedient to the will of God in all things.

One particular novena prayer to St. Joseph is often called “the unfailing prayer to St. Joseph.” It is thought to have originated in the first century A.D. and was sent by the pope to Emperor Charles as he went into battle. It is said that those who recite this prayer will not suffer a sudden death and will likewise be protected from drowning, the effects of poison and fire, falling into the hands of the enemy or being overpowered in battle.

For a full text of this prayer, visit bit.ly/EWTNnts.j.

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A Message from Our Pastor

This year's observance of the great Feast of the Presentation of the Lord falls on a Sunday, which gives us the opportunity to come together more fully than in most years. We thank God that each and every one of us, like Jesus with the help of Mary and Joseph, have been brought into the House of God, the holy of holies, by our parents or whoever God might have chosen to bring us into his friendship within the Church. We might ask ourselves: "who is the Lord calling me to invite back into his house?"—friends, colleagues, fellow students in my school—maybe those who have never experienced the light and joy of a life in Christ.

It is also a moment to pray for those who may be nearing the end of their earthly lives. The holy man Simeon in the Gospel—with the infant Jesus in his arms—sings to the Lord and asks that he might be allowed to depart this world in peace. Our Holy Father and the Church throughout the world is now marking a Jubilee Year with the theme of "Pilgrims of Hope". Like Simeon, when we hold onto Jesus and when we visit his Temple, we know that our lives are a pilgrimage through this passing world, and our hearts ultimately long to be with God forever.

As we make our pilgrimage, we should discover more and more that the blessings of this world are meant for our enjoyment, but even more for us to share and bless others. The Catholic Services Appeal gives us a yearly opportunity to do exactly that. As always, we are thankful for the strong legacy of generosity that is so characteristic of our St. John's community. Consistently through the years, SJB has responded to the Archbishop's request to support the good works of our local Church, while simultaneously receiving back funds that sustain us in our mission right here in our



Father Ben Little

own community. Please continue this legacy and ensure that we meet our parish goal!

I salute Principal Mary Ziebell and her faculty and staff for a great Catholic Schools Week. A highlight for me was the opportunity to share some "Faith and Fun" with the Sisters of Pro Ecclesia Sancta and our fourth and fifth grade classes. Another was the annual "pilgrimage" to Skateville. If this

Sunday, you do not see me limping or on crutches, it means that I successfully avoided injury on my once-a-year foray onto the rink in roller skates!

Be sure to consider attending the Cana Dinner next Saturday evening. The deadline to register is tomorrow, February 3. It is sure to be an evening of great fellowship and celebration of the beauty of married life. Hope to see you there!

May God bless your week!

F. Ben Little

Time is Running Out—Register Today!

Come enjoy St. John's Cana Dinner on Saturday, February 8! Get your tickets now before they sell out. There will be wine and beer, passed hors d'oeuvres and a delicious dinner. Mingle with friends and enjoy an activity at the table after dinner. Register today by visiting bit.ly/SJBcd25b3 or scanning the QR code with your phone's camera!



Join Our Parish

Becoming a parishioner at St. John's is easy! You can register on our website by filling out a simple form or call/visit the parish office. After registering, you can expect a packet in the mail that will welcome you as a parishioner at St. John's. Scan this QR code or visit bit.ly/Bnprf to register today! Welcome to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and School!



Become Catholic

Welcome to the body of Christ! We are here to support and guide you in your journey to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Please contact our faith formation director at faithformation@stjohns-savage.org to inquire about becoming Catholic.

Financial Stewardship

You can financially support St. John the Baptist and our many ministries by making a donation or enrolling in our monthly automatic giving. Just scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/Vsjb! Thanks for your generosity!



	This Year	Last Year
December	\$237,589	\$211,122
YTD	\$780,347	\$799,951
YTD Budget	\$833,210	

Religious Education & Youth Ministry

What's Next?

- FEB. 5** Regular Class Night for All Ages
- FEB. 12** Family Night: Come to the Well Adoration
- FEB. 19** Regular Class Night for All Ages



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Bakhita: From Slave to Saint

Originally born in Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped by slavers and was eventually sold to a merchant in Italy. By the grace of God, she lived a heroic life of forgiveness and mercy which led her to become a saint.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and ignatius press

JOIN OUR TEAM

Detail oriented? People Person? Want to bring Christ to others?

Please consider applying for the discipleship and formation assistant position in our formation department. This part time position (25 hrs/wk) is a mix of the faith formation assistant and discipleship roles: coordinating with small groups, evangelization events, etc. Contact Kayla Rooney at krooney@stjohns-savage.org or 952-890-9434 to inquire.

Attention Moms of Young Kids!

Do you want to better understand yourself, your husband and your kids? Join the Cana Mom's group to learn more about the temperament God gave you. This Catholic small group will meet on **Mondays from 7 to 8:30PM**. Register at canafamilyinstitute.com/join-group.

Join us for a Pancake Breakfast

Volunteers needed to help set up, serve and clean up at the pancake breakfast on **Sunday, February 2 between the 8:30 and 11AM Masses**. Proceeds will benefit the Andi Little Scholarship fund which supports those families in need of financial assistance for faith formation and youth summer programs including Summer Stretch, Vacation Bible School and more. Help us make it possible for all of God's children to participate in faith formation programs regardless of their family's financial situation. Enjoy a delicious breakfast prepared by the Knights of Columbus plus fellowship too!

If you didn't get a chance to sign up ahead of time just show up wearing a faith formation program shirt (VBS, Summer Stretch, Do Little Things) if you have one. Questions contact: jwalerius@stjohns-savage.org

Men, Consider Joining TMIY!

That Man Is You (TMIY) is a group for men who gather and grow in deeper understanding of how to be Catholic men, husbands, and fathers in today's culture. TMIY meets on Tuesdays in the Youth Room (enter Door #1, last door on left) starting at 6:30PM.

Ongoing Youth Events This Winter

- FEB. 2** Daughters of the King at 9:45AM
- HS Youth Group Open at Gym 7PM
- Parents' of Teen Small Group at 7PM

Upcoming Youth Events

Chill Fest! Middle School Lock-in : January 31 at 8:30PM to February 1.

Extreme Faith Camp: July 27 to August 1

We received more middle school spots for EFC 2025. Register <https://stjbsavage.breezechms.com/form/EFCSummer25!> We are still in need of high school leaders. Please contact Kristina if interested!

Winter Faith Camp: February 14 to 17

Please pray for our teens and adults attending Winter Faith Camp this year at Trinity Woods Camp in Trego, WI.

Pastoral Care

Coffee and Conversation

Wednesday, February 5 | 9AM | Atrium

Please join the Prime Time Ministry for the presentation *Getting to Know NAMI MN*. NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Minnesota is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of children and adults with mental illnesses and their families. For over 40 years, NAMI Minnesota has worked to promote the development of community mental health programs and services, change public attitudes about mental illnesses, improve access to services and increase opportunities for recovery. NAMI Minnesota works with individuals with mental illness, their families, professionals and the community at large by providing education, support and advocacy.

Feminine Hygiene Products Collection

Our Respect Life Committee will collect feminine hygiene products from **February 1 to 23**. Please place your donation in the white baskets at door 3, 7 and 10. The donations will be taken to Shakopee Community Assistance.

Loss of Spouse Luncheon

Have you lost a spouse and wish to share fellowship with others in a similar situation? Join us at the American Legion Savage (12375 Princeton Ave.) **February 12 at 11:30AM**. Please RSVP to Kathy at kathywelle@aol.com or 952-237-2473 or Dianne at 763-300-3174.

Wine to Water Is Coming Back

Save the Date! The Wine to Water Filter Build is Coming Back on **Saturday March 22 at 7PM** in the Atrium. Sign up information will be coming soon.



SJB School & Preschool

Successful Open House!

Thank you for celebrating Catholic Schools Week! We had many parishioners, alumni, current and prospective families all coming through our Open House last Sunday. The positive comments abounded as we talked about the past, but also about some of the great new things moving forward.



The 1:55 Book Fair generated quite a bit of conversation. Many people were excited to see so many quality books available. The balloon artist is always a great entertainer for the children.



Having teachers available to meet with families and share what is happening in their classrooms gave prospective families a chance to meet and talk.

Looking For a School?

St. John's offers a school with strong academics, deep faith, a safe and secure environment where students are known, loved, and respected. If you are interested in learning more about our Preschool - 8th grade school do not hesitate to reach out to me at mziebell@stjohns-savage.org, or visit stjohns-savage.org/school.

Bring the Fun to the Jubilee Derby: Donate a Gift Card!

We're collecting gift cards valued at \$20 or more to use as game prizes. Simply place your gift card in an envelope marked 'Jubilee' and drop it off at the parish or school offices. Thank you for your support!

School Events

MARCH 15 SJB School Jubilee

Parish life



Catholic Services Appeal

We are deeply grateful to the 285 generous donors who contributed a remarkable \$105,451 to last year's Catholic Services Appeal. Your generosity and support have been instrumental in furthering the Church's mission throughout the archdiocese and in our local community. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who prayed for the success of this appeal. As a result of your generosity, \$12,771 has been returned to St. John's to support our local mission, allowing us to continue our vital work within the community.

This year, we are setting a goal of raising \$74,059 to support various ministries through the Catholic Services Appeal. These ministries include providing meals and housing support for the homeless, offering food and clothing to those in crisis and supporting hospital and prison ministries. Additionally, funds will aid faith formation programs, respect for life initiatives and educational support for students and seminarians. We encourage you to read any materials the archdiocese may have sent you about the appeal. If you haven't received any information, please visit hope.archspm.org to learn more and consider making a gift. Your continued support and prayers are invaluable to our mission.



Fellowship Weekend NEXT Weekend

"Join us for donuts, coffee and lemonade after the Masses next Sunday, February 9, in the Atrium. There will be no Saturday evening fellowship due to the Marriage Enrichment Cana Dinner.

Volunteers are needed to help serve. This is a great opportunity for a family or small group ministry to volunteer together. Sign-up to volunteer by going to bit.ly/SG2425fwsu.

Donate to help cover the cost of fellowship. The suggested amount to help cover costs is \$1 per donut. You can even "pre-pay" for your donuts a couple of months at a time. Donate online at bit.ly/sjbdonut or scan the QR code.



Area News

The Masterplan of God

February 6 & 7 | 6:30PM | Mary, Mother of the Church (Burnsville)

Tanner Kalina, a nationally known speaker and Catholic influencer, will present a parish mission about recognizing the Eucharist in both the Old and New Testaments with a Eucharistic tour through Scripture.

Letter from Minnesota Bishops to Legislative Leaders on Sports Gambling

The bishops of Minnesota recently wrote an open letter to state legislators encouraging them to reject the legalization of online sports gambling. You can read the letter, which contains many data points on the effects of gambling, at bit.ly/ASPMblllg (that's three lower case Ls between the B and G), and learn more in The Catholic Spirit at bit.ly/TCSmcbug.

First Friday Adoration at the Capitol

February 7 | 9AM-4PM | State Capitol: Governor's Dining Room
By bringing Christ to the Capitol, we can pray together for our elected officials at their place of work. Learn more (including how/where to park for free) at bit.ly/MCCffa2502.



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