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St. John the Baptist Parish is a warm and inviting family, living out our Baptismal call and nourished by the Eucharist, serving the needs of all with joy and gratitude, practicing stewardship, celebrating the sacraments and witnessing God in others.

Welcome! We are so glad you joined us today!

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 17 & 18, 2022

Holy Mass Schedule

Tuesday: 6:30pm

Thursday: 9am

1st & 3rd Friday: 9am

Saturday Liturgy: 5pm

Sunday Liturgy: 10am

Reconciliation: half hour before weekday Holy Mass

Sacrament of Anointing: Contact the pastor

Marriage Preparation: Contact the Pastor
8 months in advance

Weekend Holy Mass Duration

Saturday 1 hour 20 minutes

Sunday 1 hour 20 minutes

Homily Corner

This past weekend we celebrated the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time and the first reading was Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 51, the second reading was 1 Timothy 1:12-17 and the Gospel reading was Luke 15:1-32. The following is my homily:

This weekend, Jesus presents us with three very interesting parables. The story of the lost sheep, the story of the lost coin and the story of the Prodigal Son. These parables are very familiar to us as we always hear them and reflect on them during the season of Lent. So today, I am going to talk to you about our Parish Family.

Last weekend, we talked about the Economy of Salvation, the household management of God's gifts. To invest in the Economy of Salvation, we must have a mission and a vision in our personal lives, our family life and any organizations we belong to. We are investing in the Kingdom, in eternal life.

And just as we need to do that in our own lives, together we need to invest in our Parish Family. For the past five years, we have been building a Parish Mission and Vision. And, together we have grown so much. We have many new ministers, many new programs running, many opportunities to grow in our faith.

So now, we take the next step. This next year, we are focusing on our financial stability. And throughout the year, from time to time, you will hear some of our Parish Family members talk to us about investing in the Kingdom. How can we prepare ourselves for eternal life? When we look after our Parish Home, we will be blessed to be happy and God will be happy. This is the Economy of Salvation. I urge you to go back and read last week's homily. And I encourage you to also read the sacrament section in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The Economy of Salvation is explained very well there.

As we strive to secure our personal life, with health plans, insurance, etc., we need to plan for the future. We must also ask ourselves how we are planning to invest in eternal life. As a Parish Family, it is our responsibility to look after our Parish Home. How do we want St. John the Baptist Parish to be in 25 years? Even though I will no longer be the pastor here and many of you may not be here either, we need to make sure that our Parish is sustainable for the future. That is our goal. That is our vision. We are moving forward pastorally and now we need to move forward financially.

So, I have three things for you to contemplate on this week:

1. Am I as generous to God as he is generous to me?
2. How can I help my Parish Home to be sustainable?
3. Am I a giver (do I have envelopes)? If I am, how much do I give? When was the last time I increased my giving?

As members of this Parish Family, we are each called to look after our Parish Home. And together, we can make sure that our beautiful parish is here for many, many years. We are called to invest in the Kingdom of God. We are called to build the Kingdom of God.

Blessings,
Father Antony



St. John School Revitalization Project Plans

St. John the Baptist Parish is happy to clarify and confirm the plans for the contributions for this project. The focus at this time is to re-pay the loan for \$151,000.00 from one of our very generous parishioners for the purchase price of the building and re-assess at that time.

Last year, we offered a survey as a means to provide our parishioners the opportunity to voice their ideas and opinions with regards to the potential future plans for this property. The results are included below.

- 70% stated that re-acquiring the school would help promote growth within the Parish
- 62% stated that St. John School should be re-acquired
- 75% stated that they would like to see the building renovated and repurposed for additional Parish programming or services

The previous plan for the building was for it to be turned into a seniors housing project. Moving forward, once the original loan is repaid, some preliminary ideas that we have come up with for possible uses of this space are:

1. Construction of a columbarium - storage of cremation urns.
2. Development of a Bible study program and extend an invitation to surrounding parishes to participate.
3. Construction of a facility with a commercial kitchen and event space for our parish and community to rent, possibly for wedding receptions, reunions, conferences, etc.
4. Create a space for CWL, The Knights of Columbus, Youth Ministries, Seniors groups, etc. to hold meetings, functions and social events.
5. Demolish the existing school or part of the school for now with the potential to develop in the future.

Now that we have full ownership of the building and property, we can ensure that it will be used to benefit not only our Parish, but the community as a whole.

We want to thank and bless those who have reached out to us with questions as well as those who have already sent in their contributions. With your continued support, we can continue to move forward with the plans the Lord our God has for us and our Parish Family.





ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL REVITALIZATION PROJECT

We are very excited to announce our St. John's School Revitalization Project. We have several options on the future use of the building and as such need your continued generosity to make these plans a reality.

The building was purchased with the generous help of interim financing by a parishioner. The cost of the building and plans for future development totals \$250,000.00. We were very lucky to be able to acquire the property for less than half the amount of taxes owing on it. As such, this is where we are looking to you, our generous parishioners, to help us make these plans a reality!

We would like you all to prayerfully consider the financial needs of your church. Our parish exists to provide a spiritual home for all of our parishioners and with this new property, we will soon be able to provide even more facilities and services to benefit you, our parishioners.

You can make directed contributions with the envelopes you will find in your pews and at the back of the church. As well, you can always contact Cindy at the Parish office to make any additional donations at 306-634-2190 or via email at financesjb@sasktel.net.

Thank you again for your continued support of St John the Baptist Parish.

St. John the Baptist Holy Mass and Event Schedule

Saturday, September 17	5pm Holy Mass
<i>Sts. Robert Bellarmine & Hildegard of Bingen</i>	
Sunday, September 18	10am Holy Mass
	11am Holy Mass (Torquay) †Gerald & †Agnes Seipp
Tuesday, September 20	6:30pm Holy Mass †Ryan & †Kevin
<i>St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, St. Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions</i>	
	7pm PPC Meeting
Wednesday, September 21	11am Holy Mass - Hospital (Residents Only) †Lillian Lizuck
<i>St. Matthew</i>	7pm Holy Mass †Marion Martin
Thursday, September 22	10am St. Mary's Bible Mass †Genevieve Janssen
	7pm SJB Choir Practice
Friday, September 23	10am Holy Mass - Nursing Home (Residents Only) Health of Geisel Family Members
<i>St. Pius of Pietrelcina</i>	1pm SHSC Bible Mass †Agnes Fiset
Saturday, September 24	5pm Holy Mass
<i>Blessed Emilie Tavernier-Gamelin</i>	
Sunday, September 25	10am Holy Mass on the Grass and Parish Picnic at Rotary Park
<i>St. Cosmas & St. Damian</i>	

WE ARE UPDATING OUR PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!!



Our Parish Family is growing and is blessed in many ways. To capture the moment, IPC Canada Photo Services will be taking pictures October 11-13 from 1:30pm - 8:30pm and October 27 and 28 from 1:30pm - 8:30pm and October 29 from 9:30am - 4pm. All photo shoots will be held in the Meeting Room. You may book appointments online by clicking the link provided <https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/dyjs9ze6/> or on the website. There will be a table set up at the entrance of the Church on the weekends to make an appointment as well.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COLLECTION REPORT

2022 Projected Expenses \$510,318.00

2022 Actual Collection Year to Date \$251,411.15

Month of August 2022

Monthly Collection Required \$37,500.00

August Sunday Collection \$24,286.45

Decorating for Thanksgiving

We are looking for pumpkins, squash, etc. for our Thanksgiving decorations. If you have some to spare, please drop them off at the Parish Office. With your help, our Parish Family will be blessed as we celebrate gratitude.



ACCEPTING DONATIONS



We are now a host location for Canada Diabetes! You will find the drop box at the north east side door of the Church. Their drop boxes are used to collect gently used clothing, clothing accessories (shoes, hats, belts), bedding, linen, and draperies.

PRAYING THE ROSARY IN OCTOBER

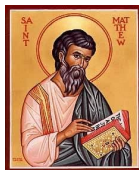
The Holy Father, Pope Francis, invites all the faithful of the world, during the entire Marian month of October, to pray the rosary and thus to join in communion and in penitence, as the people of God.



Our St. John the Baptist Parish Family will be praying the rosary together thirty minutes before each weekend Holy Mass in October.

Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Please join us as we celebrate this feast day on Wednesday, September 21 at 7pm with Holy Mass.



Happy Birthday

Don Yuzak, Kasey McIntyre, Kate Dalziel



FIRST RECONCILIATION

Our First Reconciliation Preparation is offered to our children who are in grade 3 or older. The sessions will begin in September with a Parents' Meeting on Monday, September 26 at 7pm and Wednesday, September 28 at 7pm. You may choose which meeting you will attend. The Preparation for the year consists of four classes which will be held on Wednesday evenings beginning in October, a retreat held during school hours and an evening celebration.

You are required to attend all the Prep Sessions. If you would like to register your child to receive this sacrament, please call the Parish Office.



FALL BIBLE STUDY

Have you ever been unable to explain the “why” of Catholic beliefs? Have you ever wondered why the Old Testament sounds so different from the New Testament? In the Old Testament, God began building a plan and laying a foundation for the beautiful traditions of the Catholic Faith. That plan was fulfilled by Jesus in the New Testament. *Fulfilled: Uncovering the Biblical Foundations of Catholicism* is an apologetic approach to sharing the Catholic Faith using the Old Testament Tabernacle as a blueprint for God’s plan. While it is designed as a faith-sharing Scripture study, you will also gain an understanding of some of the most questioned Catholic teachings. *Fulfilled* will reignite your love of Scripture and help you share and defend the Catholic Faith with the Word of God.

This is an eight week study, with sessions being held on Thursdays, beginning on October 6 and ending on November 24. We are offering two session times each Thursday: 1:30pm and 7pm. Please choose the session time you will attend. And of course, you may switch session times according to your schedule.

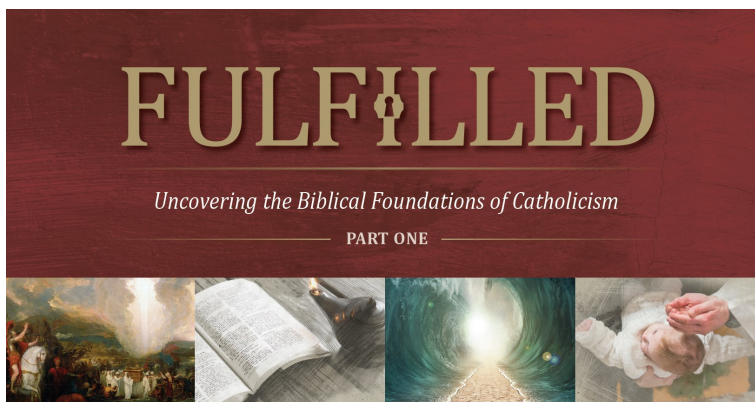
Each session will begin with an introduction to the theme of the day, a video, small group discussion and an opportunity for questions and answers.

Registration forms can be found at the entrances of the Church, at the Parish Office and on our website (stjohnthebaptistestevan.ca). The registration fee is \$60 and you will receive the workbook as well as the Fulfilled Book. Sponsorship is available by contacting Connie at the Parish Office.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

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STOUGHTON - TUESDAY MORNING
OXBOW - TUESDAY AFTERNOON
KIPLING - EVERY 2ND FRIDAY AFTERNOON

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Mass on the Grass and Parish Picnic

We are excited to be celebrating Mass on the Grass and our Annual Parish Picnic next Sunday.

There will only be the Mass on the Grass at Rotary Park on Sunday, September 25. There will not be Holy Mass in the Church that day. Please bring your lawn chair and join us at the park at 10am.

The picnic will follow after the Holy Mass.

No Park Pass Required!

The main gate and the Mets Stadium gate on the north side of the river will be open to access parking.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please join us for a

FOWL SUPPER

@ ST. MONICA'S PARISH
IN BIENFAIT

Saturday September 24, 2022 4:00-7:00

Tickets sold in advance only on Facebook or text Carol at 306.421.0820 or through any CWL member.

- \$20 for adults/\$10 for kids 12 & under

Menu: Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberries, corn, salad, dessert

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Your child's baptism is a time for celebration and joy. We want to help you plan and prepare for the baptism in the best possible way. We offer our Baptism Prep sessions three times per year. This year's sessions are on the following dates:

Session One
 Monday, October 3, 2022 at 7pm - Class
 Monday, October 17, 2022 at 7pm - Class
 Sunday, October 23, 2022 at 10am - Presentation of the Parents
 Monday, October 24, 2022 at 7pm - Class
 Sunday, October 30, 2022 at 10am - Baptism Celebration

Sessions will also be held in January and May

Please call the Parish Office to register for one of the Baptism Preparation Sessions. And remember you must attend all classes and Holy Masses during the session you choose.

