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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!

Parish Office Hours

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 1 & 2, 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 10 minutes

Sunday 1 hour 20 minutes

Homily Corner

This past weekend we celebrated the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time. And because we also held Mass on the Grass and our Parish Picnic, we used readings that focused on creation and thanksgiving. The first reading was Job 12:7-10, the Responsorial Psalm was 146, the second reading was Colossians 1:15-20 and the Gospel reading was Luke 17:5-10. The following is my homily:

The Holy Scriptures we just heard give us an opportunity to admire the creation of God. The second reading especially talks about the power of God that is invested in creation. We are also part of that creation. We are made in the image and likeness of God and the power of God is within us. We can do anything Jesus can do because of the power that he bestowed on us. He performed miracles, but even more than that he drew his strength from his prayer life. We can look to that life of prayer as an example, a way to draw on the power of God that lies in each one of us.

In the Gospels, the disciples asked Jesus to strengthen their faith. He told them that their faith would grow by the way they lived their life. We see Jesus giving power and authority to all creation, and giving his power to us that we will do the mission of Jesus. To fulfill the mission of Jesus we need to have that faith in the creator to utilize the creation in such a way that will make the fullness of God's creation as he asked us to do. This passage inspires us to live our lives, drawing on the power of God within us, living a life of prayer.

We can do anything with God. And we must do what we are called to do.

As creation, as a creature of God, will you take ownership of what you are called to do? Will you worship the Creator God, honouring, adoring and professing his power? This week, pray in gratitude for all creation and ask the Father to strengthen your faith as you tap into the power of God.

Blessings,

Father Antony



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.



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 the Baptist Holy Mass and Event Schedule

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| Saturday, October 1 | 4:30 pm Praying the Rosary |
| <i>St. Therese of the Child Jesus</i> | 5pm Holy Mass - Name Tag Weekend 6:10pm Coffee in the Hall |
| Sunday, October 2 | 9:30am Praying the Rosary |
| <i>Holy Guardian Angels</i> | 10am Holy Mass - Name Tag Weekend 11:20am Coffee in the Hall |
| Monday, October 3 | 7pm Baptism Preparation Class held in the Parish Hall |
| Tuesday, October 4 | 9:30am - 6pm Eucharistic Adoration 6:30pm Holy Mass †Omer Andries |
| <i>St. Francis of Assisi</i> | 7pm C.W.L. Meeting |
| Wednesday, October 5 | 9:30am - 5pm Eucharistic Adoration |
| <i>St. Faustina Kowalska</i> | 10am Holy Mass - Hillview Manor (Residents Only) †Leo & †Louise Seipp 11am Holy Mass - Hospital (Residents Only) †Adele Belanger 5:30pm Pastoral Care Gathering |
| Thursday, October 6 | 9am Holy Mass In Thanksgiving for Madison & Abigail |
| <i>Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher</i> | 9:30am Coffee in the Hall |
| <i>St. Bruno</i> | 9:30am - 5pm Eucharistic Adoration 1:30pm Bible Study held in the Parish Hall 7pm SJB Choir Practice 7pm Bible Study held in the Parish Hall |
| Friday, October 7 | 9am Holy Mass In Thanksgiving |
| <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i> | 9:30am - 5pm Eucharistic Adoration |
| Saturday, October 8 | 4:30 pm Praying the Rosary 5pm Holy Mass |
| Sunday, October 9 | 9:30am Praying the Rosary |
| <i>St. Denis & companions</i> | 10am Holy Mass |
| <i>St. John Leonardi</i> | |

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.





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.

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.



A Prayer of Thanks

"Oh, gracious God, we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us. Thank you for the many parishioners who provided incredible support for our Parish Picnic and Mass on the Grass this past weekend.

Thank you for the blessings and abundance of good food prepared by ladies from our parish, the CWL, and Knights of Columbus.

We praise you Lord in song; the music for our Holy Mass and throughout the afternoon was inspiring. Lord, you have blessed us with many dedicated, kind, and generous parishioners and neighboring church members who humbly worked to fulfill our day. We are especially thankful for the overflowing of grace you have given through Corporate sponsorship from McDonald's, the Dairy Queen, and Energy Electric Ltd.

Lord, continue to teach us to offer you a heart of thanks and praise in all our daily experiences.

Thank you, Lord, for the blessings you have bestowed on our Parish Family."

SJB Fellowship Committee

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.

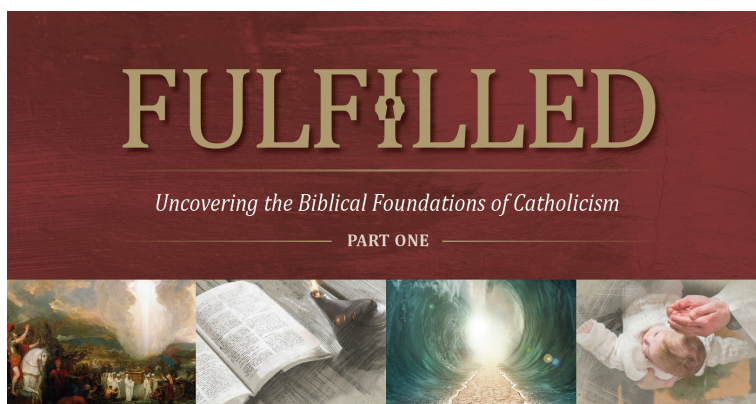
Each session will begin with an introduction to the theme of the day, a video, small group discussion and an opportunity for questions and answers.

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

Please support our sponsorships



Happy Birthday

Francis Quin

Hannah Vanstone

John Bonokoski

New Parish Pictorial Directory Coming Soon!!

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 CWL is grateful to the following donors of apples for homemade pies that were served at the Parish Picnic. In 3 days, members created 119 pies. Thank you to:

Hilda Gedak, Mark Tarnes, Hill View Manor, Cheryl Anseth, Gerald and Joyce Bonokoski, and Marlene and Jeremy Shurygalo.

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The next CWL General Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 4th following Holy Mass at 6:30pm. The meeting is designed as a Fun Night – Wine & Cheese snacks with an instructor and hands-on Wineglass Painting. Glasses are supplied; however, members may bring their own glass, and a friend. See you there!



CATHOLIC and LIVING IT!

New Opportunity To Serve!

St. John the Baptist Parish is seeking creative, fun-loving people for its **FUN**raising Committee to organize events that promote fellowship, fun and fundraising. Please contact Dana Skjonsby 306-461-9601 if you are interested or would like to learn more about this exciting opportunity to be engaged in our Parish and our community.

