

St. John the Baptist Parish

April 13 & 14, 2019

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St. John the Baptist Parish Office

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Liturgy: 7:00PM

Sunday Liturgy: 10:00AM

Weekday Liturgy: Please check a current
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Sacrament of Anointing: contact the Parish Office

Reconciliation: Tuesday 6pm - 6:45pm

Or by appointment

Office hours: Monday to Friday

9:00am -12:00pm & 1:00pm - 4:00pm

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LENT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MONDAY, APRIL 15 AT 7PM - HOLY MASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 16 AT 7PM - HOLY MASS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 AT 11AM - HOLY MASS AT THE HOSPITAL

THURSDAY, APRIL 18 AT 7:30PM - HOLY THURSDAY MASS

FRIDAY, APRIL 19 AT 12PM - GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY

FRIDAY, APRIL 19 AT 3PM - GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 AT 3PM - EASTER BASKET BLESSING

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 AT 8:30PM - EASTER VIGIL CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 AT 10AM - EASTER SUNDAY HOLY MASS



Incense will be used at the Holy Thursday Mass, Easter Vigil Celebration and Easter Sunday Mass.

For those who have an allergy to incense, we will have seating available in the crying room, with the door closed and a fan running.

Lenten Reflection Readings

For a Lenten reflection, please read Leviticus Chapter 16 which tells us about the Day of Atonement. Also, Exodus Chapter 12 which gives us the Passover story.

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

Easter Triduum

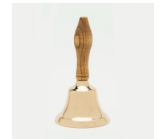
As Christians, we are obliged to be present during the Easter Triduum. This season in the Church begins with Holy Thursday and continues through Good Friday and Holy Saturday and ends on Easter Sunday. These services flow into one another as they are inter-related (making up one service together) and are full of beautiful rites and traditions. Following the Mass on Holy Thursday, we are all asked to leave the Church in silence. Adoration will be taking place in the Church until midnight that night. When we come to the Church for the Good Friday Liturgy, we are asked to come in silence and to leave in silence again that day. We also begin the Easter Vigil in quiet and in the dark. These periods of silence are very meaningful in our journey through the Triduum.



Bells for Easter Vigil



The Church bells will be rung during the Gloria at the Easter Vigil Holy Mass. We also invite you to bring a bell from home to ring.



Easter Flowers

We are planning our Easter celebrations and are gratefully accepting donations of any amount for the flowers that will be in the Church throughout the Easter season. You may donate in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for your family in the envelopes available in the main entrance of the Church or by stopping by the Parish Office. Your loved one's name will be published in the bulletin for special prayers. Your support will bless our Parish Family during this season. Thank you so much!!



RCIA

Taking part in our RCIA program this year, we have four catechumens, Catherine Kroeker, Savanna Kuntz, Morgan Petersen and Anne Kim, and two candidates, Kristina Muhr and Chantel Cossette.

God of Love,

Let us surround them with prayer as we accompany and lead them to encounter Christ.

And may they find in our community, compelling signs of unity and generous love.

Amen.

RCIA
Christian Formation Process

Easter Flowers

Thank you to the families who have donated for Easter flowers in thanksgiving for someone in their lives or in memory of their departed loved ones. May your families be blessed this Easter and may your loved ones rest forever in the loving arms of Jesus.

† *Michael Bonokoski*

† *For the deceased who are forgotten*

† *Paul Sylvestre*

† *Pat Kowalski*

† *Valerie Kowalski*

† *Chris Meckler*

† *Anna Meckler*

† *Theresa Messer*

† *Vincint Messer*

† *Vern Kramer*

† *Clarke Kramer*

† *Henry Müller*

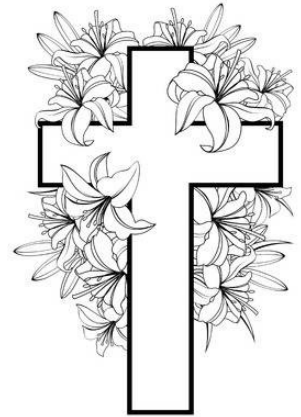
† *Anne Müller*

† *Kathy Trobert*

† *Irene Weinrauch*

† *Madeleine Andries*

† *Antoinette Styre*



Easter Vigil Social

You are invited to join us for a social following the Easter Vigil Holy Mass. We are celebrating the risen Christ! Our neophytes will also be celebrated at this social.

Please join us!!

**He is
RISEN**

Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, April 13 <i>St. Martin I</i>	2pm SJB Choir Practice 7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, April 14	10am Holy Mass
Monday, April 15	7pm Holy Mass †Angela Watteyne 7:30pm RCIA in the Parish Hall
Tuesday, April 16	7pm Holy Mass †Josephine
Wednesday, April 17 <i>St. Kateri Tekakwitha</i>	11am (Hospital) Holy Mass †Theresa Stephanson
Thursday, April 18 <i>Blessed Marie-Anne Blondin</i>	10am Staff Meeting 7:30pm Holy Thursday Mass
Friday, April 19	12pm Good Friday Liturgy 3pm Good Friday Liturgy
Saturday, April 20	1pm RCIA Rehearsal 3pm Easter Basket Blessing 8:30pm Easter Vigil Celebration 10:30pm Easter Vigil Social in the Parish hall
Sunday, April 21 <i>St. Anselm</i>	10am Holy Mass

Adoration

Adoration will be suspended during the day on Holy Thursday, April 18 and will resume Monday, April 29.



Please remember to keep your Palms at home until the beginning of February, when we will be collecting them to burn for our ashes for Ash Wednesday. Thank you!!



April 14, 2019 - Palm Sunday

"I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me." (Luke 22:34)

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about Jesus or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet not to cause a disturbance? Or, do you remain quiet because you believe people will think negatively about you? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful dialogue when the opportunity arises.



The Blessing of Easter Baskets: A Cherished Catholic Easter Tradition

The blessing of the Easter Basket has been a cherished Catholic ritual for centuries among families of Eastern European origin and adopted by people of all ethnic backgrounds who enjoy this richly symbolic custom. On Holy Saturday, families would prepare their Easter Baskets to be later blessed at church. After Easter Sunday's Resurrection Mass, the family would share this blessed food and exchange good wishes.

The Christian significance of Easter is symbolized in the foods used for the Holiday feast. Baskets are lined with a white cloth and decorated with ribbons and greenery to symbolize spring, renewal, and the Resurrection. Traditionally, the baskets would include: decorated hardboiled eggs (representing Christ's Resurrection), lamb-shaped butter or sugar (representing Christ as the "Lamb of God"), bread (symbolic of Jesus as the "Bread of Life"), ham (symbolic of great joy and abundance), sausage (symbolic of God's favor and generosity), smoked bacon (symbolic of the overabundance of God's mercy), some prefer lamb (representing Christ as the "Lamb of God"), salt (symbolic of prosperity and justice and to remind us "You are the salt of the earth"), cheese (symbolizes the moderation Christians should have at all times), horseradish & pepper (symbolic of the Passion of Christ and the bitter herbs of the Passover). A white candle is often inserted into the basket to represent Christ as the "Light of the World." Lastly, the basket is cover with linen symbolizing the covering of Christ's shroud.

Children are excited to participate in this heart-warming tradition by helping to prepare and decorate the family basket and later, proudly carry it into church on Holy Saturday for the blessing. Some families with small children have their "little-ones" carry their very own decorated basket filled with fruits, a chocolate bunny or some other treat to be blessed. The foods included within any basket can be easily personalized.

Please join us with your baskets for a brief 20 minute blessing on Holy Saturday this year, April 20, 3:00P.M. to share in this beloved tradition with our Parish family.

Best Wishes to Susan Mack

Susan Mack, our bookkeeper, is retiring after serving our parish for 29 years. She will be finished at the end of June. We are grateful for all she has done for our parish and wish her well in her retirement. May God continue to bless her in everything she does.



As we journey through Holy Week, let's not forget our parishioners who are unable to gather with us, those who are in nursing homes, the hospital, unable to leave their house, or are away visiting family. Please keep them all in your prayers. God will bless our whole Parish Family throughout this special week.



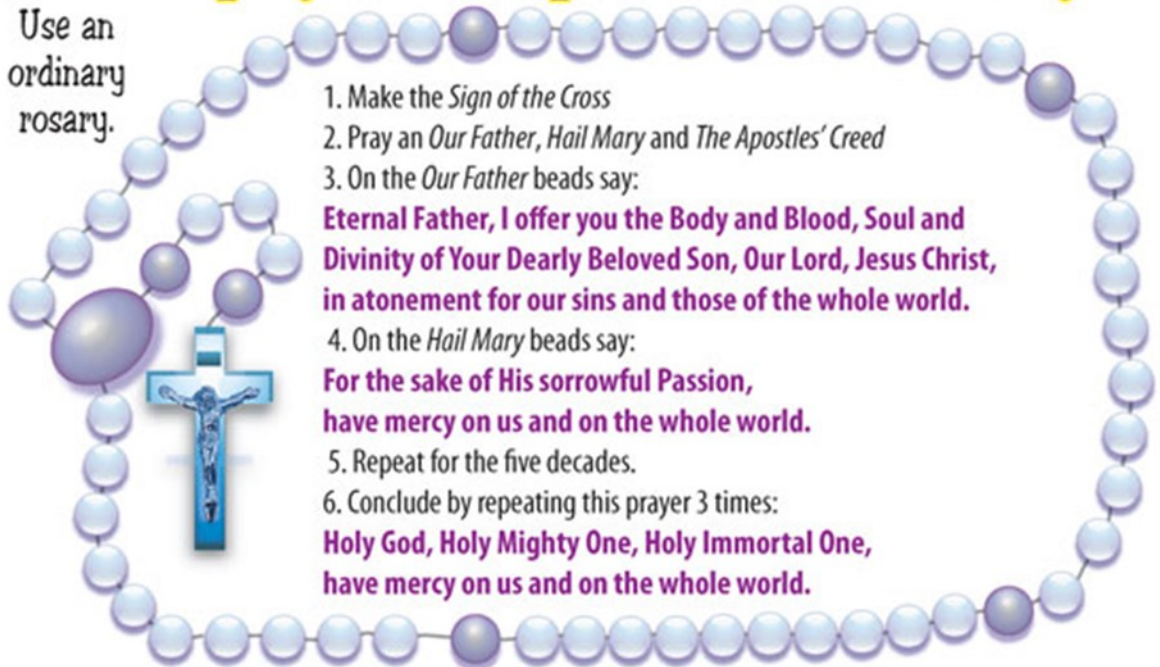
Divine Mercy Sunday



The Sunday after Easter is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Began by a Polish nun, Sister Faustina Kowalska, in the late 1930s, we are encouraged to place our trust in God's mercy and receive His grace into our lives. Seeing the importance of this message, Sr. Faustina was canonized on April 30th, 2000 by Pope John Paul II who declared that, from that time forward, the second Sunday of Easter would be known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Let us join together praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet on the second Sunday of Easter this year, to receive forgiveness and mercy from the Risen Lord.

How to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Use an ordinary rosary.



1. Make the *Sign of the Cross*
2. Pray an *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and *The Apostles' Creed*
3. On the *Our Father* beads say:
Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
4. On the *Hail Mary* beads say:
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
5. Repeat for the five decades.
6. Conclude by repeating this prayer 3 times:
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Go to <http://www.praymorenovenas.com/divine-mercy-novena/> to learn more about the Divine Mercy Novena which begins on Good Friday.