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Dear Altar Servers,

This week, I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering dedication and service as altar servers at St. John the Baptist, St. Monica and Sacred Heart Parish. Your commitment to serving at Mass is not only deeply appreciated by me, but also by the entire parish communities.

Your role as altar servers is pivotal in the celebration of the Eucharist. By assisting the priest and ensuring that the Mass proceeds smoothly, you are directly contributing to the worship experience of our congregation. Your presence on the altar, your attention to detail, and your reverence during the liturgy reflect your devotion to serving God and His people. You play an essential part in creating a sacred and serene atmosphere that allows everyone to focus on the divine mysteries we celebrate.

In recognition of your hard work and dedication, I would like to invite all of you and your siblings to a special outing for bowling and pizza on Sunday, August 4th, right after the 10:00 AM Mass. This is a small token of our appreciation and a chance for us to come together in fellowship and fun outside the church setting. It's an opportunity to relax, enjoy each other's company, and celebrate the important role you play in our parish life.

Please RSVP to the parish office by July 28th so we can make the necessary arrangements. I am looking forward to spending this enjoyable time with all of you and showing our gratitude for your exceptional service.

Once again, thank you for your commitment, enthusiasm, and the reverence you bring to your role as altar servers. Your service is a blessing to our parish, and we are truly grateful for each one of you.

In Christ's service,
Fr. Thuy Nguyen

St. John the Baptist Holy Mass Schedule

Thursday, August 1	9am Estevan; †Marcel and †Marie Bourgeault
Friday, August 2	9am Estevan; †Faye Goudy
Saturday, August 3	5pm Estevan; †Annette Cossette
Saturday, August 3	7pm Torquay; †Father Lucey
Sunday, August 4	8am Bienfait; No Mass Intention
Sunday, August 4	10am Estevan; Mass for the People
Tuesday, August 6	6:30pm Estevan; †Colette Enmark
Wednesday, August 7	10am HillView; No Mass Intention
Wednesday, August 7	11am Hospital; †Robert Cherlet
Thursday, August 8	9am Estevan; Healing for Ben Rey Masepequena
Friday, August 9	10am Creighton Lodge; No Mass Intention
Saturday, August 10	5pm Estevan; †Reynaldo Hernandez
Saturday, August 10	7pm Torquay; †Henri Lepage`
Sunday, August 11	8am Bienfait; No Mass Intention
Sunday, August 11	10am Estevan; Mass for the People
Tuesday, August 13	6:30pm Estevan; †Maxine Melanson
Wednesday, August 14	11am Hospital; †Ron Wanner
Thursday, August 15	9am Estevan; †Ernest Fleck
Friday, August 16	9am Estevan; †John Hoffort
Saturday, August 17	5pm Estevan; CWL Member Intentions
Saturday, August 17	7pm Torquay; †Teresa Lee
Sunday, August 18	8am Bienfait; No Mass Intention
Sunday, August 18	10am Estevan; Mass for the People
Tuesday, August 20	6:30 Estevan; †Fred Lalonde
Wednesday, August 21	11am Hospital; †Mabel Bouchard
Thursday, August 22	9am Estevan; †Albert and †Myles Schopf
Friday, August 23	10am Nursing Home; No Mass Intention
Saturday, August 24	5pm Estevan; †Ian Fernandez
Saturday, August 24	7pm Torquay; No Mass Intention
Sunday, August 25	8am Bienfait; No Mass Intention
Sunday, August 25	10am Estevan; Mass for the People
Tuesday, August 27	6:30pm Estevan; No Mass Intention
Wednesday, August 28	9am Hospital; †Faye Goudy
Thursday, August 29	9am Estevan; No Mass Intention
Friday, August 30	9am Estevan; †Ma. Judy Canicula
Saturday, August 31	5pm Estevan; †Ernest Fleck
Saturday, August 31	7pm Torquay; †Clem Marcotte

Message From Connie

Hi! I hope you are having a wonderful summer and enjoying the warm weather. As many of you know, I have served as the Pastoral Assistant here for many years and I have truly looked at it as a ministry. Right now, I am going through some issues and have decided that I need to take some time to work through these issues, to rest and to concentrate on my health. This hasn't been an easy decision. I have prayed and discerned for many months now and know that this is the best plan for my future. I am honoured that I was able to serve each of you for so many years and I thank you for all that I have learned, for the inspiration you have given me, and the support you have shown me. As I look back on my ministry I am so grateful for the journey I have been on and I ask you to continue to pray for me. Even though I will no longer be working at St. John the Baptist Parish, I am blessed to be a part of our Parish Family and I will continue to pray for all of you.

I also want to thank a few people from our Leadership Team who have been helping me through this time of discernment and have shown me unfailing support and compassion. Thank you Kim and Dana Skjonsby, our Parish Finance Committee Chairpersons, and James and Doris Trobert, our Parish HR Committee Chairperson. I will forever treasure your kindness and your understanding.

And I also want to thank Father Thuy. I don't have the words to express how much I appreciate him and how much I will cherish the time we got to work together. And I know we will continue our friendship for many years to come. Father is an amazing pastor and I admire his commitment to his ministry, his care for our Parish Family, his sense of humor and his joy. And I thank him for being my confidant and my spiritual guide.

Blessings,
Connie

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Apologies and thanks to any sponsors we may have missed.

We look forward to welcoming you all back next summer for

River Jamm 25

Bouncy Castles

Are you ready to have some fun?

St. John the Baptist Parish has two bouncy castles available to rent. Create amazing memories for your parties and celebrations.

Contact the Parish Office for more information or to reserve the bouncy castles at 306-634-2190.



Grand Knight's Message

What a terrific show by my Brother Knights and their wives for River Jamm 24. A special thank you goes out to Allan and Annette Kendall for all the organizing they did. This dedication by all to make River Jamm a success makes me so proud and honoured to be a Knight.



Kim Skjonsby



CWL Golf

You are invited to join CWL and Friends to golf at Hidden Valley Golf Course on Tuesday, August 27th. Golf will start at 8:30am with refreshments to follow at the Clubhouse. Golf tee times are booked for 9 holes. You do not need to golf to join for refreshments; just meet us in the clubhouse.



Do try to join us for this great day of fellowship. For more information, **please call or text Anita by August 23 to register; 306-421-7538.**



SJB Blessed Meals

Our Parish Family is offering homemade meals to seniors in our community.

**Our next meals will be delivered on
August 10
September 7
September 21
at 11:45am**

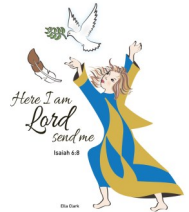
If you or someone you know would enjoy a free home cooked meal, please contact the Parish Office at 306-634-2190



The Catholic Women's League is an organization built on Catholic values, embracing all aspects of Christian family life.

Standing together, members grow in faith and witness to the love of God through ministry and service. To be the cornerstone for women who believe helping one another is a call for all. If you believe – your place is with us!

Call Gail (306) 421-0260 or Anita (306) 421-7538



Thank you to our amazing Altar Servers.

Thank you for serving with such care and joy. Be proud of what you do because you are doing it for the Lord.

We would like to invite all of our Altar Servers and their siblings to come together in fellowship and join us at the Estevan Bowling Alley On Sunday, August 4 following the 10am Holy Mass for Bowling, Pizza and Cake!



If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

-Psalm 95



Celebrating the Sacraments at St. John the Baptist Parish

BAPTISM

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” —Matthew 28:19-20a



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 four times per year. Our first session will begin in September. The next sessions will begin in December, February/March and June.

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.

RECONCILIATION

The sacrament of reconciliation is available thirty minutes before the Holy Masses. You may also call the Parish Office to book a time to receive this sacrament. During Advent and Lent, we offer an evening of Adoration and Reconciliation. Watch the parish bulletin for more information.



SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

“Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.” —James 5:14

This sacrament of healing is available for anyone suffering in mind, body or soul. Please call the Parish Office to set up a time to receive this sacrament at 306 -634- 2190 or after hours you can call Father Thuy at 306-570-7306



MARRIAGE

“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and unite with his wife, and the two will become one. —Matthew 19:5

If you are newly engaged, please call the Parish Office at least eight months ahead of your proposed wedding date. Wedding dates are booked at the first meeting with the priest.



FALL BIBLE STUDY

We have chosen an awesome study that will begin in the Fall. Mark your calendars for Thursday at either 1:30pm or 7pm starting in October. Watch the bulletin for more details!

RECONCILIATION, CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST



“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all righteousness.” —1 John 1:9

Our Reconciliation/Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist Prep is offered to our children who are in grade 2 or older. This year, sessions will begin in the Fall with a Parents’ Meeting.

If you would like to register your child to receive these sacraments, please call the Parish Office.



PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.” —Matthew 25:35-36.

If you or someone you know are homebound or living in a care home, our Pastoral Care Ministers are available to bring communion to you. This will be done according to your needs and schedule. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



St. John the Baptist Ministry Team Help Wanted

As we renew ourselves during these summer months, please take time to consider joining a ministry team in the fall. We are actively seeking parishioners to serve on the following teams:

Social Justice

Our social Justice Team Actively supports Newcomers to our city as well as coordinating the Christmas hampers. We also provide emergency support to those in our community who are struggling to make ends meet.

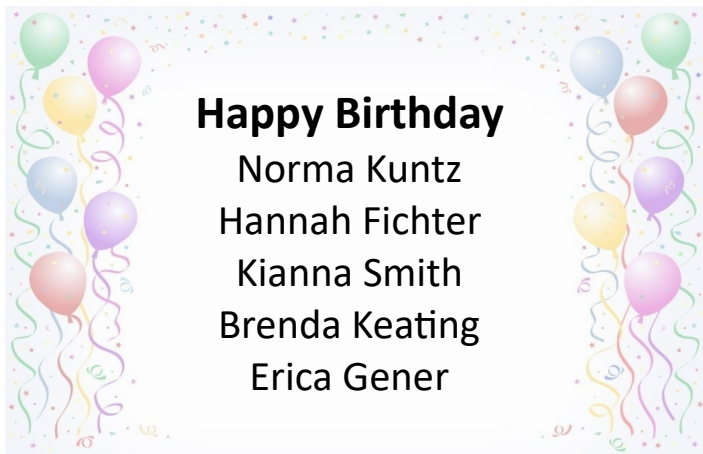


Fellowship Team

Our fellowship Team organizes our parish social events such as brunches as well as welcoming our catechumenates at the Easter Vigil. Many hands make light work. This group is well organized and lots of fun!



Please call the Parish Office or email
stjohnthebaptist@sasktel.net



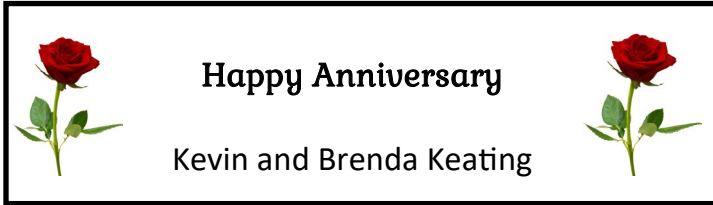
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Erica Gener



Summer Office Hours

Tuesday – Friday
9am until 12pm



Happy Anniversary

Kevin and Brenda Keating



COFFEE TIME

Please join us every Thursday for coffee in the Parish Hall following the 9am Holy Mass.



The Catholic Women's League is holding a 50/50 Lottery. License # RR24-0035. The winner wins \$5,000.00 if all tickets are sold. Draw date is October 1.

Tickets are \$10.00 each.

Contact Sherry Baryluk at 306-421-6371 to purchase your ticket.



Thank you for your support!

Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention For August

For political leaders....

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.



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