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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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 2, 2023

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St. John the Baptist Holy Mass Schedule

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| Sat., Sept. 2 | 10:30am Funeral Mass for Antonio Macalos 5pm Estevan Healing of Sharon Daniels 7pm Torquay †Lawrence & †Yvonne Charlebois |
| Sun., Sept. 3 | 8am Bienfait Holy Souls in Purgatory 10am Estevan Mass for the People |
| Tues., Sept. 5 | 6:30pm Estevan †Mannie Mack |
| Wed., Sept. 6 | 10am Hillview †Simonne & †Allan Brown 11am Hospital †Leigh-Ann Tessier |
| Thurs., Sept. 7 | 9am Estevan †Bertha Thievin |
| Fri., Sept. 8 | 10am Creighton Lodge †John Bonokoski |
| Sat, Sept. 9 | 5pm Estevan Special Intention for Kendra Fai 7pm Torquay †Clem Marcotte |
| Sun, Sept. 10 | 8am Bienfait Offering of Thanksgiving 10am Estevan Mass for the People |

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 5: 7pm CWL Meeting

Sept 6: 6:30pm Bible study Leader's Meeting

Sept. 7: 9:30am Coffee in the Hall

Sept. 12: 7pm K of C Meeting

Sept. 13: 1pm Finance Meeting

Sept. 13: 6:30pm Altar Server workshop

Sept. 14: 9:30am Coffee in the Hall

Sept. 14: 7pm SJB Choir Practice

Sept. 14: 7pm Bienfait PPC Meeting

Sept. 18: 7pm Baptism Prep

Sept.20: 6:30pm Liturgy Workshop

Sept. 21: 9:30am Coffee in the Hall

Sept. 21: 7pm SJB Choir Practice

Sept. 25: 7pm Baptism Prep

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY IS BACK!

Our youngest parishioners are invited to take part in Children's Liturgy at each Holy Mass on Sundays at 10am, beginning on Sunday, September 10. They will learn about our God and the readings for the day through games, crafts, videos, prayers and fun. All children between the ages of 4 and 7 years old are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Billesberger at billesberger.cynthia@gmail.com



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 16.21-27

Today Jesus is trying to teach his friends what it means to be a disciple. A disciple is someone who wants to follow in Jesus' footsteps. But this isn't always easy.

Jesus also says that we should take up our cross and follow him. What can we do that shows that we follow Jesus?

Jesus says that sometimes it is difficult to follow him. Can you think why this would be?

Why do we follow Jesus even though it is hard?

Jesus loves and cares for us. If we follow him we are showing that we love him too. And Jesus will always be with us, helping along the way.

Jesus asks us to follow him by loving others. It can be hard to keep on loving others, especially if they aren't loving towards us. Perhaps someone said something unkind or didn't want to be friends with you. It is difficult but Jesus wants us to try to keep on loving.

Closing Prayer:

Christ Jesus, may we follow you in all that we do. Let our love for you be shown in how we care for all people, especially those who are poor.
Amen.

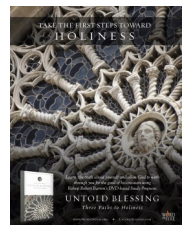


Pope Francis' Monthly Intention

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

FALL BIBLE STUDY

We are delighted to be offering Untold Blessing by Bishop Robert Barron as our Bible Study this fall. The study will begin on Thursday, October 5 and will end on Thursday, November 23. We are offering two sessions on each Thursday: one at 1:30pm and the other at 7pm. Registration forms will be available next week in the main entrance of the Church, at the Parish Office and on our website. Please join us for this opportunity to grow in your faith.



David Meckler
Marieanna Bonokoski
Ethan Gener
Maisy Daoust



Happy Anniversary

David & Regina Rooks



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY AND LOTTERY

We are happy to announce that we are planning a Christmas Party in December for all the children of our Parish, and the mission Parishes of Bienfait and Torquay. There will be awesome prizes that the children can enter their names for by collecting tickets from Father Thuy. One ticket will be given to each child when they attend Holy Mass, one ticket will be given to the children who can answer one of Father Thuy's questions, and



St. John the Baptist Parish
Christmas Lottery Ticket

two tickets will be given to children who serve in a ministry during Holy Mass. These ministries include altar servers, choir members, hospitality ministers, etc. So get ready! Father will begin handing out the tickets this weekend. Save them up and enter the lottery at the Christmas Party!

Altar Server Workshop

If you have received the sacrament of Confirmation and would love to be a part of our Altar Server Ministry, please join us for our Altar Server Workshop on Wednesday, September 13 at 5:30pm. We will go through the Altar Server training and then enjoy pizza for supper. Registration forms will be sent out through the schools this week and will also be available on our website and in the entrances of the Church. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



Ministry Workshop

We are hosting a Ministry Workshop on Wednesday, September 20 at 6:30pm. Father Thuy will be leading us through our roles as ministers, answering any questions and commissioning all ministers. If you are interested in a ministry, this is a great opportunity to learn more about that ministry. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.



Funeral Altar Servers

We are rebuilding our Funeral Altar Server team and are asking you to pray and discern about serving in this ministry. Our hope is to have 15 adult servers so that you would not have to serve at every funeral. We will be hosting a Training Workshop soon. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

We are obligated to pray for the dead and when you serve as a Funeral Minister, you will be blessed beyond measure.



Funeral Choir Ministry

We are forming a Funeral Choir and are looking for singers and musicians. If you would like to join the Funeral Choir, please contact the Parish Office for more information.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 4 due to the Labour Day holiday.



OUTREACH

"For it is in giving that we receive." Members of the Catholic Women's League strive to reach out to those in need. Won't you help us reach further? Come and join us.

For more information, please call or text Gail @ 306-421-0260.

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

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Holy Mass Schedule Update

We are back to our regular Holy Mass schedule:

- Tuesdays at 6:30pm
- First Wednesday at 10am at Hillview Manor
- Wednesdays at 11am at the Hospital
- Thursdays at 9am
- First and Third Fridays at 9am
- Second Friday at 10am at Creighton Lodge
- Fourth Friday at 10:30am at the Nursing Home (Residents Only)
- Saturdays at 5pm
- Saturdays at 7pm in Torquay
- Sundays at 8am in Bienfait
- Sundays at 10am

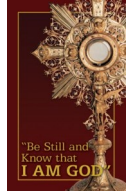


Adoration Schedule Update

Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration anytime on the following days:

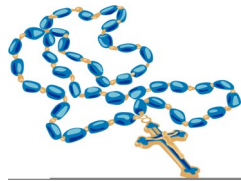
- Tuesdays from 9:30am until 6pm
- Wednesdays from 9:30am until 5pm
- Thursdays from 9:30am until 5pm
- Fridays from 9:30am until 5pm

If you would like to be scheduled for a Holy Hour, please contact Bridget Bittman at 306-461-4611



Rosary Donations

We are actively looking for any extra rosaries that you may want to donate to the Church. They will be redistributed to others in our parish and community who have requested them. A basket has been set out on the table at the back of the church as a collection site. Thank you for your willingness to support this outreach project.



Baptism Preparation

Our next Baptism Preparation is beginning in September. Please contact the Parish Office to register. The session dates are:

- Monday, September 18 at 7pm - Prep Class
- Monday, September 25 at 7pm - Prep Class
- Sunday, October 1 at 10am - Presentation of the Parents
- Monday, October 2 at 7pm - Prep Class
- Sunday, October 15 at 10am - Holy Mass followed by the Baptism Celebration

Please note that you are required to attend all of the above schedule.



Holy Mass Transportation

Do you or someone you know need a ride to attend Holy Mass? Or are you able to drive our parishioners who want to attend our weekday or weekend

Holy Masses?

If you are interested, please contact Gwen.

Office: 306-634-2190 cell: 306-421-7933



St. John the Baptist Parish is happy to welcome back the teachers and children from their summer vacation.

May God continue to bless you as you journey together through this new school year.

Matthew 16.27

“For the Son of Man is to come with his Angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each according to their work.”

In preparation for Holy Mass, we will pray the Rosary 20 minutes before each weekday Holy Mass and 15 minutes before weekend Holy Masses we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Are you a knitter or crocheter? We are in the process of gathering a group who would like to be part of our Prayer Shawl Ministry. It is a beautiful way for us to support those in our parish who are going through medical challenges or simply need our prayers. If you are interested, please contact Gwen at the Parish Office: 306-634-2190

If you or someone in your family would like to receive a prayer shawl please call the Parish Office so we can arrange a visit.



KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

Pastoral Care Ministers

Are you looking for a ministry that gives you the opportunity to visit and care for those in our parish who are shut in, are experiencing medical challenges or reside in our four senior care facilities? We would love for you to join our team.

Please text or call Gwen at 306-421-7933.

You will experience incredible blessings in this ministry.



Rosary Beading Workshop

Do you have some time that you could use to make rosaries? Have you ever wondered how a rosary is created using wire links? We are fortunate to have a parishioner who is willing to lead us in this intricate ministry. If you are interested in being a part of this workshop, please contact the Parish Office so we can order the appropriate supplies. The workshop will occur in the fall.



Our Parish Pastoral Council and Leadership Team members met in August welcoming our new priest, Father Thuy. We are excited to journey together with him in continuing to build up the Kingdom of God here at St. John the Baptist Parish!

We are anticipating our journey of creating an inclusive welcoming family for ALL members of our community. We will focus on our youth, families and newcomers. We encourage everyone to fully participate and join this joyful journey together as one family of God!

Sacrament of Anointing

For those who are in the hospital or unable to come to the Church for the Sacrament of Anointing, please contact the Parish Office to set up a time. After office hours, please contact Father Thuy at 306-570-7306 or if you can't reach Father Thuy, please call Connie at 306-421-8447.



My soul thirsts for you, O Lord my God

Psalm 63