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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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September 7 & 8 2024



St. John the Baptist Holy Mass Schedule

Sat. Sept 7	5pm Estevan; †Leo Pelletier
Sat. Sept 7	7pm Torquay; †Father Lucey
Sun. Sept 8	8am Bienfait; †Joachim Ouedraogo
Wed. Sept 11	11am Hospital; Lay Presided Service with Communion
Sat. Sept 14	5pm Estevan; †Healing for Benn Massepequena
Sat. Sept 14	7pm Torquay; †Gaile Gisi
Sun. Sept 15	8am Bienfait; †Teresa Lee
Sun. Sept 15	10am Estevan; Mass for the People

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 9:** Office Closed
- Sept 10:** 7pm K of C Meeting
- Sept 11:** 1pm Finance Council Meeting
- Sept 12:** 7pm SJB Choir Practice
- Sept 14:** 11:45 Blessed Meals Delivery
- Sept 16:** Baptism Prep Class in the Church
- Sept 17:** 6:15pm Benediction
- Sept 17:** 7pm PPC Meeting
- Sept 19:** 9:30am Coffee in the Hall
- Sept 19:** 7pm SJB Choir Practice
- Sept 20:** 5:30pm Altar Server Workshop
- Sept 24:** 6:15pm Benediction
- Sept 24:** 7pm Liturgy Meeting

Our new Parish Office Hours will be Monday to Friday from 9:30am to 3:30pm.

We will also be open from 12pm-1pm.



Praise the Lord, O my soul!

-Psalm 146



The Office will be closed on Monday September 9 for carpet cleaning in the office.

SJB Blessed Meals

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



Our next meals will be delivered on September 14 and September 28 at 11:45am.

If you or someone you know would enjoy a free home cooked meal, please contact the Parish Office.

Baptism Preparation

Our next Baptism Preparation session will be held in the church on September 16 at 6:30pm. Please contact the Parish Office at 306-634-2190 to register.



Dear parishioners,

Saturday, September 14 is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Early in the 4th century, St. Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman. One third of the cross remains in the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher and the rest of the wood was then distributed to churches throughout the region so all could venerate the cross.

Today, the cruelty of the cross is not what is exalted, but the Love that God manifested to humanity by accepting death on the Cross. "Who, though in the form of God, emptied himself, taking the form of a slave. This is the glory of the Cross of Jesus!" (Pope Francis)

This week, I encourage you to really look at a cross that you have at home and pay attention to the crosses you see in our community. When you look at the cross, what one word comes to mind?

God of Glory, the cross shines as a sign of obedience to your will and a symbol of your love for the world. Bless us who find salvation in the cross of Christ; may we always recognise his glory in the weak, suffering and condemned of the world. I ask this through Christ, crucified and exalted, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

Blessings,
Father Thuy

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 Sept. 20 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 in Sept. and will also be available on our website and in the entrances of the Church. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



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.



Adult Altar Servers

Adult Altar Servers are needed for our weekend Holy Masses. We are asking you to pray and discern about serving in this ministry. Our hope is to have 15 adult servers. We will be hosting a Training Workshop soon. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 306-634-2190.



Please turn in all SOLD and UNSOLD 50/50 Raffle Tickets by Monday, Sept 9th. Call Brenda at 306-421-1898 or Sherry at 306-421-6371 if you need tickets picked up. They can also be placed in the collection basket at Mass or turned in at the Parish Office. Thank you to everyone for helping to make this fundraiser a success.

*If any of you lacks wisdom,
you should ask God.*
James 1:5

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 15. 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



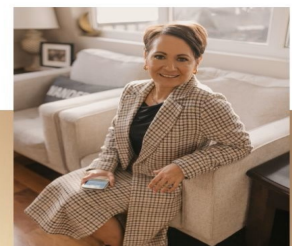
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PowerPoint Ministers

We are looking for more PowerPoint Ministers. Please take time to consider joining this Ministry. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office.



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“Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?” James 2:5
What is more important-Being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions we truly realize it is better to give than receive



Children's Liturgy Teachers

Do you want to make a positive difference in the faith formation of our children? We have a great opportunity for you! Please consider joining our Ministry.

If you would like to learn more please contact the Parish Office.



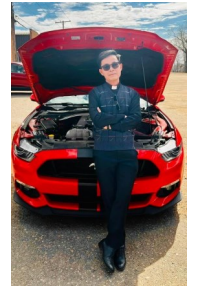
Join us on September 27 for Family Night! Watch the bulletin next week for more details!



Car and House Blessings

If you would like to have your car or your home blessed, please call the Parish Office

At 306-634-2190



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



Save the date!

Our annual Fall Supper on November 3.

We are graciously accepting monetary donations and donations of potatoes. The Fall Supper donation envelopes will be available at all entrances of the church.

Great Catholic Entertainment

Formed has a wealth of the best videos (movies and documentaries), programs, books and resources, including awesome weekly videos about the readings of the week. They also have an incredible selection of programming for children. Our Parish pays for this subscription to be able to offer this faith formation tool to all of you! Go to <https://formed.org/> to register at no cost and start watching!

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Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

JEFF CAVINS and SARAH CHRISTMYER

Growing in Faith Study

Many Catholics want to read the Bible but get bogged down by the long stretches that seem not to make sense or get lost among the sea of Old Testament names and places. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*, an eight-part Bible study, helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, so you can get the “big picture” of the Bible and understand what it’s all about. Aided by a unique color-coded Bible Timeline™ Chart that arranges the key people, places and events of the Bible in chronological order, *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* will help you pick up the Bible with confidence and understand how you fit into God’s plan.

This study will be done in a two part series. The first four sessions will take place during Advent, beginning on Wednesday, November 27 and will run for four consecutive weeks finishing on December 18. The remaining four sessions will take place during Lent beginning on Wednesday March 12 and continue until April 4. The cost for the 8 sessions is \$50.00 per person. Participants will gather to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information visit ascensionpress.com, or contact the Parish Office at 306-634-2190.

Please Register at the Parish Office by October 20.