

# St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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## Weekday Mass Schedule

*Monday – No Mass*

*Tuesday – St Maurice 5PM Holy Hour – 6PM Mass*

*Wednesday – St John 7AM Holy Hour – 8AM Mass*

*Thursday – Millhousen 5PM Holy Hour – 6PM Mass*

*Friday – St John 7AM Holy Hour – 8AM Mass*

*Saturday – St John 7AM Holy Hour – 8AM Mass*

## Sunday Obligation

*Saturday 5:00 PM*

*Sunday 7:30 AM*

## Eucharistic Adoration

*Friday - 3:00 to 6:00PM*

Reconciliation

*Saturday – 4:45PM*

*Friday – 3-4PM*

**"Welcome one another as Christ has  
welcomed you for the  
Glory of God"**

states St Paul Romans 15:7.

Our God is a welcoming God and His Son, Jesus, also welcomes everyone into His presence. As parishioners of St John the Baptist parish we too wish to display this same welcoming attitude. And so we say, "Welcome to each of you who visit our Church.

Welcome into our lives of faith, of family and of community.

May God Bless You with Peace and All Good Gifts!

*August 13, 2023 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*August 15, 2023 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

*Holy Day of Obligation - Mass at St John, 8:00 AM*

*August 20, 2023 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



**August 13, 2023 – The 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**“Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”**

When the disciples see Jesus walking on the water, he summons them to faith—a way of approaching reality that entails leaving behind our old way of measuring things and learning to see all in the light of the One who calls to us. Yet we should not be surprised that Christ often comes in ways that “underwhelm” us, as Elijah found out in the tiny whispering sound of God’s presence. For Jesus comes to us in simple ways, seen only with eyes of faith: the pouring of water over an infant’s head; a whispered conversation within a confessional; bread and wine consecrated in the middle of the day as the world rushes on. But when such faith takes hold of us, we want everyone to share in it, as Saint Paul testifies.

*Bring Home the Word & Magnificat, August 2023*

**Sunday Readings**

**1 Kings 19:9a, 1-13a**

Elijah...stood at the entrance of the cave. A voice said to him, Why are you here, Elijah?

**Romans 9:1-5**

I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie; my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit.

**Matthew 14:22-33**

Peter said to Jesus in reply, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”

**A Word from Pope Francis**

When we have strong feelings of doubt and fear and we seem to be sinking, in life’s difficult moments where everything becomes dark, we must not be ashamed to cry out like Peter; “Lord, save me.” To knock on God’s heart, on Jesus’ heart. “Lord, save me.” It is a beautiful prayer!



*Angelus, Rome, August 9, 2020*



**Stewardship**

“He said, ‘Come.’ Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.”-Matthew 14:29

When you hear Jesus calling, do you respond immediately and trust that He knows what He’s doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say “yes” to Jesus, we feel the power of His presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

Trust in God, no matter how hard it may be at times, trust in God and His goodness and power.

***For an increase in faith throughout our country.  
We Pray to the Lord.***

**Prayer**

For those hoping for what seems impossible: healing, reconciliation, justice, peace among the nations and within communities and families.

**We pray in Jesus’ name. AMEN**

**August 15, 2023 – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: “We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory.”

In the light of the Assumption of Mary, it is easy to pray her Magnificat (Luke 1:46–55) with new meaning. In her glory she proclaims the greatness of the Lord and finds joy in God her savior. God has done marvels to her, and she leads others to recognize God’s holiness. She is the lowly handmaid who deeply revered her God and has been raised to the heights. From her position of strength, she will help the lowly and the poor find justice on earth, and she will challenge the rich and powerful to distrust wealth and power as a source of happiness.

Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus’ life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary’s share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.



**August 20, 2023 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
***In Christ are we made one: come, let us adore him!***



The Gospel story recounts a discussion between Jesus and a Canaanite woman. She was doubly marginalized—as an inferior woman and as a despised Canaanite. Yet, her love for her daughter compelled her to approach Jesus pleading for help—something a “proper” Jewish woman would never do to a man, nor a Canaanite to a Jew. Those may be evident in Jesus’ reply, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But we can be sure that Jesus—God’s love in the flesh—didn’t share his countrymen’s disdain for anyone. The woman, having heard that Jesus was a healer, remains undaunted. She crossed restrictive gender and ethnic lines in her search for help. Jesus finally praises her, not for her love, but for the faith that her love engendered. And she was a Canaanite!

Pope Francis wrote that “in the hour of trial faith brings light.” The terrible trial of a demonically tormented child could have wrecked the Canaanite woman’s spirit, weighing her down with despondency and defeat. But faith lifts her from the heaviness of hopelessness and carries her to the “holy mountain” that is Christ. The promise proclaimed by Saint Paul—that God desires to have mercy on all—moves the woman beyond the burden of fatalism and doubt. Even Christ’s silence does not dissuade her. Instead, it serves to steel her belief and renew her efforts to beg for what God is eager to give her.

*Magnificat and Bringing Home the Word, August 2023*

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**Sunday Readings**

**Isaiah 56:1,6-7**

Then I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer.

**Romans 11:13-15, 29-32**

For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.

**Matthew 15:21-28**

Jesus said to the Canaanite Woman... “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.”

**Reflection Questions**

We can be sure that Jesus—God’s love in the flesh—didn’t share his countrymen’s disdain for anyone.

- What groups are marginalized by our society?
- What is difficult about welcoming people who are new to your groups?

**A Word from Pope Francis**

Let each one of us think of his or her own story. There are always ugly things in a story, always. Let us go to Jesus, knock on Jesus’ heart and say to Him: “Lord, if You will it, you can heal me!” We can do this if we always have the face of Jesus before us.

*Angelus, Rome, August 16, 2020*



**Prayer** God of all nations, hear the prayers of your people this day and unite our prayers to those of believers everywhere.

**We pray in Jesus’ name. AMEN**

*The Redemptorists*



**Stewardship**

*“For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.”*

*Romans 11:29*

In today’s Gospel, we read about the faith of the Canaanite woman. Her faith in Jesus healed her daughter.

We have an awesome God who loves us, cares for us and helps us. We can never fully grasp an understanding of how much He loves us. Let us give glory to Him by showing love and compassion to all those around us. Everyone—even the person who cut you off while driving, the neighbor who is rude and even the family member who you haven’t spoken to in years.

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone. Each of us has a part in God’s salvation plan.

**Mass for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Tuesday, August 15  
 8:00 AM – St John – Holy Hour 7AM  
 6:00 PM – St Maurice – Holy Hour 5PM  
 6:00 PM–Immaculate Conception– Holy Hour 5PM

**MASS Intentions**

**Mass Intentions Available.** Please stop in the parish office, mail, call or drop in the collection basket to have a Mass said for your loved ones. Mass stipends are \$10

Sat	Aug 12	8:00 AM	✚ Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Aug 12	5:00 PM	✚ Eddie Purdy
Sun	Aug 13	7:30 AM	✚ Gary Patton
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Aug 15</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>✚ Fr's Special Intention</b>
Wed	Aug 16	8:00 AM	✚ Fred Allen
Fri	Aug 18	8:00 AM	✚ For Special Intention
Sat	Aug 19	8:00 AM	✚ Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Aug 19	5:00 PM	✚ Emily Mathes
Sun	Aug 20	7:30 AM	✚ Larry & Doris Frey
Wed	Aug 23	8:00 AM	✚ Fred Allen
Fri	Aug 25	8:00 AM	✚ Tom & Teresita Noah 60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
Sat	Aug 26	8:00 AM	✚ Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Aug 26	5:00 PM	✚ Phil Wittich
Sun	Aug 27	7:30 AM	✚ Bill & Eddie Purdy

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Every Friday 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

	<u>August 19</u>	<u>August 20</u>
<b>Coordinator</b>	Joan Carter	Mary Ann Westmeier
<b>Greeter</b>	Steve Mathis	Jill Jansing
<b>Lector</b>	Jennifer Tunny	Jessica Gorman
<b>Eucharistic M</b>	Ron Ebinger	Jessica Gorman
	<u>August 26</u>	<u>August 27</u>
<b>Coordinator</b>	Sharon Voegeli	Ted Wissel
<b>Greeter</b>	Bob Voegeli	Steve Mathis
<b>Lector</b>	Jill Jansing	John Holzer
<b>Eucharistic M</b>	Jill Jansing	John Holzer

**CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE**

Rosemary & Idona Newhart Week of Sept 3  
 Ted Wissel & MJ Hunter Week of Aug 13  
 Sue Gridley & Margaret Jarvis Week of Aug 20  
 Mary Ann W & Susan Banta Week of Aug 27  
***Thank you all for your time and hard work!***

**FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY**

August Needs: Canned Fruits and Vegetables Thank you.



**St John Ladies Bake Sale**

Labor Day Weekend – September 2 and 3 after all the Masses



**July 30 \$ 1,733.00**  
**August 6 4,550.61**  
**Feast of the Assumption 20.00**

Our Parish is forming a



**God's Work  
Our Hands**

**Building and Grounds**

committee. This committee will discuss needs and

propose solutions. Any parishioner interested in serving on this committee may contact the parish office.



**The Relay for Life will be held on Saturday, August 19.**

This weekend, anyone interested in purchasing a Luminaria will be able to do so before or after each mass. Luminaria are displayed in honor of someone who has battled cancer, or in memory of someone who has passed away from cancer. If anyone simply wishes to give a donation to this cause, it will also be gratefully accepted. Thank you!!



- Amy Castner
- Tim Castner
- Todd Castner
- Elliott Elkins
- Peggy Fear
- Paul Graf
- Amy Graham
- Lily Handt
- Todd Holzer
- Keith Jarvis
- Larry Kendall
- Linda McCain
- Mark Meister
- Teresita Noah
- Tom Noah
- Eileen Ogden
- Pavi Pathak Family
- Randy Simon
- Dolores Simon
- Pam Thomas
- Darin Toops
- Sharon Voegeli
- Ben Zigan

Denotes Active Service Deployment