

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!

September 10, 2023 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 17, 2023 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



September 10, 2023 – The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
The sinner must freely decide to return. God does not force repentance.

It's None of My Business. . . Today's readings challenge this attitude. Ezekiel is told that he must proclaim God's will to the Israelites. If he reneges in his calling and someone dies in guilt, Ezekiel will be held responsible for that death. However, if the wicked refuse to hear this message, their death in guilt will be their own doing, for one must freely accept God's word. In the Gospel, Jesus outlines a way for his disciples to lead sinners back to the community. Both Ezekiel and the disciples have responsibilities to those who are not living faithfully. They both take steps to call them back. In this sense, they act as their brother's or sister's keeper. However, they do not meddle in the other's business. The sinner must freely decide to return. God does not force repentance.

When Saint Paul says that we are to "owe nothing to anyone except to love one another," he is not referring to something sentimental. The love that the apostle enjoins on us is summed up by the Lord's words through Ezekiel: "If you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, I will hold you responsible for his death." Our love must extend to those attitudes and actions that would prevent our neighbors from truly loving themselves and embracing their own call to holiness. "If your brother listens to you, you have won him over." The salvation of a soul is the greatest "victory" imaginable. †

Bring Home the Word & Magnificat, September 2023

A Word from Pope Francis

When we see a mistake, a fault, a slip, in a brother or sister, usually the first thing we do is to go and recount it to others, to gossip. And gossip closes the heart to the community, closes off the unity of the Church. The great gossip is the devil.



Angelus, Rome, September 6, 2020

Reflection Questions

- Is your life an example of the values of your faith?
- Pray for those you love who have left the practice of the faith.



Stewardship

"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel...." Ezekiel 33:7

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

One Family in Mission – Called to Evangelize

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

When was the last time you prayed together as a family? Or when was the last time you prayed with a friend? This week make time to pray with others—perhaps a family Rosary or a Bible study with friends.

For all the souls of those killed on 9/11 and for the comfort of those who lost loved ones.

We pray to the Lord

PRAYER

Generous God, help us to accept others as we want to be accepted; to love as we want to be loved.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

The Redemptorists

Maui Wildfires

Today our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected by the devastating wildfires that have ravaged the island of Maui. As a community of faith, we are called to come together and provide unwavering support to those who are suffering. It is in times like these that our collective love, faith, and compassion can make a tremendous difference.

You are encouraged to make online financial contributions to Catholic Charities-USA

<https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org>

Scroll to Wildfires Devastate Hawaii

Truths Learned by Senior Citizens

If you lend \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.

Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.

Raising teenagers is like nailing Jello to a tree.

September 17, 2023 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jesus taught there should be no end to our forgiving one another.

Limitless Forgiveness



What makes seven such an important number? It's symbolism. It signifies wholeness, completeness, and totality. Peter was exaggerating when he suggested that he might forgive his brother seven times. Jesus' response implied that there should be no end to our forgiving another. To underscore the significance of this magnanimity, Jesus offered God (in the guise of the king who forgave a huge debt) as the exemplar of forgiving. Forgiving another's offense against us could well be one of the most difficult things we are asked to do. To ask for forgiveness does not seem as difficult. After all, when we bump into a perfect stranger in an elevator, we say, "Forgive me." But to forgive someone who has deliberately offended us, who has dishonored our sense of personal dignity, as slight as that offense might be, is neither as easy nor as casual a gesture. And yet, we must. We all carry debts to others.

Both the first reading and the Gospel passage remind us that the debts owed to us by others in no way compare with the debt we owe God, and yet God shows us compassion and forgives us. If we are grateful children of a compassionate God, we will want to be like God and we will forgive others.

Even with his newfound wealth, the forgiven servant says to his fellow servant, "Pay back what you owe." In doing so he refuses "mercy to another like himself." However, "the vengeful will suffer the Lord's vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail." The "logic" of mercy is very simple: "Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then your own sins will be forgiven." Thus, "none of us" is to "live for oneself"; rather, "we live for the Lord" and by the Lord. The "Lord of both the dead and the living" will endow us with the power to forgive others as he himself does. The desire to forgive others—even when painful wounds remain with us—is already the indication that God's mercy is present in our hearts. United to Jesus, we dare to "expect healing from the Lord."



Magnificat and Bringing Home the Word, September 2023

Reflection Questions

- When you pray, "forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." Do you mean it?
- Who does it hurt when we fail to forgive?

A Word from Pope Francis

How much suffering, how many wounds, how many wars could be avoided if forgiveness and mercy were the style of our life! Even in families....It is necessary to apply merciful love to all human relationships: between spouses, between parents and children, within our communities, in the Church and also in society and politics.

Angelus, Rome, September 13, 2020



Prayer Merciful God, give us generous hearts and open minds that we may forgive others as we have been forgiven.

We pray in Jesus' name. AMEN

The Redemptorists



Stewardship

"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's" Romans 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship—everything we have and everything we are, is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, essentially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us how forgiving God is—and how we should be forgiving to others.

Is there a family member or friend that you are holding a grudge against? Let this be the week where you forgive that person or see forgiveness from them—be the change.

***For those holding on to grudges,
That they may seek ways to let that anger go.
We pray to the Lord***

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights are looking for men 18 years and older to experience and expand their faith with like-minded Catholic gentlemen.

September 23/24 after both masses at St John you will have an opportunity to meet local Knights and explore our interest in becoming a Knight.

For additional information see the bulletin board as you exit church.

***Please consider joining us as we serve our
Church, Families and Community.***

Parish Support

August 27 Weekly 2,233.00
 September 3 Weekly 3,106.00
 Votive Candles 209.40

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	Sept 9	8:00 AM	✚ Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Sept 9	5:00 PM	✚ Grace Purdy
Sun	Sept 10	7:30 AM	✚ Betty Castner
Wed	Sept 13	8:00 AM	✚ Gary Patton
Fri	Sept 15	8:00 AM	✚ Sierra McCain
Sat	Sept 16	8:00 AM	✚ Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Sept 16	5:00 PM	✚ Jeannie Chandler
Sun	Sept 17	7:30 AM	✚ Chet & Freda Newhart
Wed	Sept 20		NO MASS
Fri	Sept 22	8:00 AM	✚ Eva Spencer
Sat	Sept 23	8:00 AM	✚ Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Sept 23	5:00 PM	✚ Emily Mathes
Sun	Sept 24	7:30 AM	✚ Bill Purdy

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	<u>September 16</u>	<u>September 17</u>
Coordinator	Ted Wissel	Ron Miller
Greeter	Steve Mathes	Bob Voegeli
Lector	Jill Jansing	John Holzer
Eucharistic M	Stephanie Green	Ron Miller
	<u>September 23</u>	<u>September 24</u>
Coordinator	Mary Ann W	Joan Carter
Greeter	Steve Mathes	Jill Jansing
Lector	Gary Payne	Andy Miller
Eucharistic M	John Holzer	Andy Miller

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Rosemary & Idona Newhart Week of Oct 1
 Ted Wissel & MJ Hunter Week of Sept 10
 Sue Gridley & Margaret Jarvis Week of Sept 17
 Mary Ann W & Susan Banta Week of Sept 24
Thank you all for your time and hard work!

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

Any food and household cleaning items.



Happy Grandparent's Day September 10!!!

PARISH COUNCIL We have three outgoing members of Parish Council. If you are interested in serving on Parish Council please contact the Parish Office.

St John Ladies Rummage Sale October 5, 6, 7

Time to find all those precious, slightly used items to donate to the Sale.

Also, please consider helping out for a few hours beginning Monday, October 2.

Contact Rosie Calhoun
 812-621-1389 for Drop Off Information and the hours we will be working.



St Maurice
Parish
Mission
September
16 - 20

Fr Bill Rhinehart "The Eucharist - New Evangelization Making Choices for my Parish Community - Shift Happens"

Reconciliation each evening at 5:30 to Program time at 6:30.

Monday, Sept 18

Discussion on "Being Chosen/Trust in God"

Tuesday, Sept 19

Discussion on "Empty your bowl of yesterday's rice/moving on"

Wednesday, Sept 20

Mass/Discussion on "Perseverance in Prayer—not the facts"

Social Gathering following mass and discussion.

The Lighter Side

- On the first day of school, a new second grad student entered the classroom and handed the teacher a note that read: "Dear Teacher, the opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his exasperated parents. Thank you in advance for your patience."
- In the late 1800's, coca-cola allegedly contained a trace amount of cocaine. That may explain why your grandparents could walk to and from school uphill in the snow.



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