

# 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.

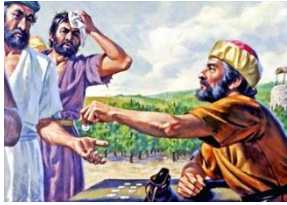
May God Bless You with Peace and All Good Gifts!

*September 24, 2023 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*October 1, 2023 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## September 24, 2023 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Jesus said, “Thus, the last will be first and the first will be last.”*



The story in the Gospel doesn't sound fair. Some people worked from early morning until evening; others joined them at the end of the workday. But they all got the same pay. How can that be fair? Perhaps fairness isn't the point of the story. But then, what is?

The landowner, symbolizing God, hired the workers “after agreeing with them for the usual daily wage” (Matthew 20:2). If the earliest workers presumed that the agreed-upon wage would be changed, does that make God unfair? Those workers expected God to conform to what they considered just—and justice certainly is a very important value. However, God acted out of divine generosity—a quality we hope to benefit from but which might engender resentment when it is bestowed upon others.

As difficult as this story might seem to us, it raises some important questions about ourselves. Perhaps the story is not so much about God as it is about our own attitudes. If we are faithful to what we believe is God's will for us, do we then presume that God owes us some kind of compensation? Do we expect that God will act according to our standards of retributive justice (this-for-that) rather than restorative justice (bring-it-back-to-life)? Do we resent God's graciousness toward others?

It is better that we all look to God for generosity than for justice. If we do, we will find, as the psalm response tells us: “The Lord is gracious and merciful” (Psalm 145:8). †

*Bring Home the Word – Sr Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### A Word from Pope Francis

Let us remember who was the first canonized saint in the Church: the Good Thief. He “stole” Paradise at the last minute of his life: this is Grace. This is what God is like, even with us. Instead, those who seek thinking of their own merits fail; those who humbly entrust themselves to the Father's mercy...find themselves first.

*ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020*



sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live “God-centered” lives and not “self-centered” lives.

It is never too late to grow closer to the Lord. Take time this week to dive deeper into the Faith by reading your Bible more and listening to a trusted Catholic podcast or TV channel.

### PRAYER

Wondrous God, we ask for the grace to see as you see and to reflect your face to each person we meet.

*We pray in Jesus' name. Amen*

*The Redemptorists*

### Reflection Questions

Do we resent God's graciousness toward others?

- Do you look to God for generosity or justice?
- Would it help to pray for the grace to remember that everything is a gift from God?



### Stewardship

*“Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last”.*

*Matthew 20:16*

You've heard the saying “it's not where you start, but how you finish.” This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our

### World Mission Sunday

We celebrate World Mission Sunday on October 22, 2023. This Year's Theme: “Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move”

Pope Francis invites us to set our hearts ablaze with faith and put our faith into action, serving God's mission with joy, enthusiasm and tireless dedication.

“*Hearts on Fire*” As Christians, we are called to kindle the fire of Christ's love in our hearts. Our burning faith fuels our actions, inspiring us to serve others in our daily lives.

“*Feet on the Move*” Pope Francis encourages us to not only feel the faith but to act on it. It is our mission to move, serve and spread the Good News, bringing God's love and peace to all His children.

## October 1, 2023 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Jesus was a man for others, a compassionate healer, an understanding friend.*



In the Gospels, Jesus seldom teaches doctrine. Rather, the stories themselves provide examples of how we are to model our lives after him. He was a man for others, a compassionate healer, an understanding friend. As clear as such stories might be, because we can be selfish people, the example they offer us is difficult to follow. If it is

hard to follow a man who lived a human life with others, how are we to follow the example sketched by Paul in today's second reading?

Paul writes to the Christians in Philippi: "Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus" (2:5). What attitude is he talking about? Jesus emptied himself of the preeminence that was rightly his as possessing "equality with God" (2:6). He did not demand that they treat him with the reverence and veneration that was due him. Rather, "he emptied himself... he humbled himself" (2:7, 8).

Why does Paul insist on this? It seems the Philippians were having internal problems that were threatening their unity. Various forms of arrogance were tearing them apart: Don't you know who I am? I am a celebrity. I have more money. I know the right people. And who are you? Who do you know? What can you do? These attitudes of arrogance infect our communities today. To this Paul proclaims: If Jesus, who, "though he was in the form of God" (2:6), could empty himself of such dignity for the sake of others, you certainly should be able to put aside your trivial vainglory and be "united in heart" (2:2). Can we? †

*Sr Dianne Bergant, CSA & Bringing Home the Word, October 2023*

### Reflection Questions

- In what circumstances are you arrogant?
- What can you do to strengthen the bonds of unity in your family? Your workplace? Your parish?

### A Word from Pope Francis

Conversion, changing the heart, is...at times a painful process, because there is no path of holiness without some sacrifice and without a spiritual battle....

Conversion is a grace we must always ask for: "Lord, give me the grace to improve. Give me the grace to be a good Christian."

*Angelus, Rome, September 27, 2020*



**Prayer** God of all people, give us the grace of humility, that we may place others before ourselves, and always place you first.

**We pray in Jesus' name. AMEN**

*The Redemptorists*



Stewardship

*A way of living*

### **Stewardship**

*"Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly*

*regard others as more important than yourselves..." Philippians 2:3*

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we

truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends and those who make you angry.

In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about the importance of doing God's will. Walk the walk, don't just talk the talk.

As Catholics, we are called to put our faith in action. Put yourself at the service of others. Perhaps you have an elderly friend or family member who could use your assistance with something or you know someone who is lonely who could enjoy some company—show your Christian love to all!

*For our parish, that we can be welcoming to all who visit us and share the Good News to them with courage.  
We pray to the Lord*

### AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA

Join us for a rosary at the Grotto on **Saturday, October 14, at 12 Noon** in support of America Needs Fatima. This is a great way to honor our Blessed Mother and pray for the message of Our Lady of Fatima to be known by all.



**Parish Support**

September 10 Weekly 2,265.00  
 September 17 Weekly 2,121.00  
 Catholic University 340.00

**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 23	8:00 AM	✠ Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Sept 23	5:00 PM	✠ Emily Mathes
Sun	Sept 24	7:30 AM	✠ Bill Purdy
Wed	Sept 27	8:00 AM	✠ Beth Garlock
Fri	Sept 29	8:00 AM	Special Intention
Sat	Sept 30	8:00 AM	✠ Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Sept 30	5:00 PM	✠ Mary Jane Jansing
Sun	Oct 01	7:30 AM	✠ Dale Tunny
Wed	Oct 04	8:00 AM	✠ Gary Baur
Fri	Oct 06	8:00 AM	✠ Joe & Flora Wissel
Sat	Oct 07	8:00 AM	✠ Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Oct 07	5:00 PM	✠ Adam Oeffinger
Sun	Oct 08	7:30 AM	✠ Steve Tunny
Wed	Oct 11		<b>NO MASS</b>

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Every Friday 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

	<b><u>September 30</u></b>	<b><u>October 1</u></b>
<b>Coordinator</b>	Ron Miller	Ted Wissel
<b>Greeter</b>	Bob Voegeli	Volunteer
<b>Lector</b>	Sharon Voegeli	Jessica Gorman
<b>Eucharistic M</b>	Ron Miller	Jessica Gorman
	<b><u>October 7</u></b>	<b><u>October 8</u></b>
<b>Coordinator</b>	Sharon Voegeli	Ron Miller
<b>Greeter</b>	Bob Voegeli	Steve Mathes
<b>Lector</b>	Gary Payne	Andy Miller
<b>Eucharistic M</b>	Stephanie Green	Jessica Gorman

**CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE**

Rosemary & Idona Newhart Week of Oct 1  
 Ted Wissel & MJ Hunter Week of Oct 8  
 Sue Gridley & Margaret Jarvis Week of Oct 15  
 Mary Ann W & Susan Banta Week of Oct 22

***Thank you all for your time and hard work!***

**FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY**

Any food and household cleaning items.



**PARISH COUNCIL** is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7PM in the rectory.



**St John Ladies Rummage Sale**

October 5 & 6 - 8AM to 6PM  
 October 7 - 8AM to 12 Noon

Please consider helping out at the sale 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.

**The Lighter Side**

Tech Support:

- “Your call is very important to us. Please enjoy this forty-five minute flute solo.”
- Just once, I want the computer prompt for username and password to say, “close enough.”
- I hate it when I can’t figure out how to operate the iPad and my tech support guy is asleep. He’s five and it’s his bedtime.

**October: The Month of the Holy Rosary**

– Reverend Matthew R. Mauriello

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

In this month of October, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we too can use in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation.



- 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