

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!

November 19, 2023 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 23, 2023 – Thanksgiving Day

November 26, 2023 – Christ the King of the Universe

Thanksgiving Masses – Wednesday, Nov 22, St Maurice 6:00PM

Thursday, Nov 23, St John 9:00 AM

November 19, 2023 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Today's Gospel suggests that we should be responsible
for what has been given to us.*



“Ready or Not, Here I Come”

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

As children we called out this chant when playing hide-and-seek. However, it could very well describe the message of two of today's readings. Paul reminds the Thessalonians that “the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night” (1 Thessalonians 5:2). The Gospel tells a story about a man who returns after a long journey and intends to settle accounts with those whom he put in charge of his household. In both instances, the one returning might cry out, “Ready or not, here I come!” The point of each story: Be ready! But how?

The Thessalonians are told they “are children of the light” (5:5). The Gospel suggests what that expression might mean—be responsible for what has been given to you. In the Gospel, some servants fully use the talents given to them. However, one servant buries what he received. If that was not bad enough, that servant alleged fear of the householder as reason for his lack of initiative. If he knew that the householder was as demanding as he stated he was, he should have realized that his master would expect him to use what had been given. There is no excuse here in refusing to use what was given, nor in blaming the householder. All of us have been given life, talents, and abilities. We are expected to use them. This is what it means to live fully. Surely, we Catholics will be excited, not afraid, when the Lord announces, “Ready or not, here I come!” †

Bring Home the Word –November 2023

Sunday Readings

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting: the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Acclaim her for the work of her hands.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

You yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night.

A Word from Pope Francis

Above all, let us not forget to thank: if we are bearers of gratitude, the world itself will become better, even if only a little bit, but that is enough to transmit a bit of hope. The world needs hope. And with gratitude, with this attitude of thanksgiving, we transmit a bit of hope.



**GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME,
DECEMBER 30, 2020**



*Gracious God, make us mindful
of our blessings and
increase in us the gift of
gratitude which makes
possible a generous life of service. We pray in
Jesus' name. Amen.*

The Redemptorists

November 23, 2023

Thanksgiving: A Holy Day of Opportunity



Joseph D. Slater

Of all our purely national holidays, few have the power to touch us more

deeply than does Thanksgiving Day. It is a day filled with religious overtones. Thanksgiving is, in fact, a holiday that comes close to being a holy day. The Vatican recently acknowledged the religious dimensions of this day by authorizing a special Mass for the Church in the United States. For the Catholic, there is no better way to give thanks than to offer ourselves to God by receiving his Son in the Eucharist. The very word *Eucharist* comes from a Greek verb meaning “to give thanks.” Thanksgiving should be a holy day. Not a holy day of obligation, but a holy day of opportunity, for on this day when our entire nation pauses for the common purpose of giving thanks, Catholics have a special opportunity to make our response to the God, “from whom all blessings flow.” †

Liguorian, November 1985

***In Thanksgiving for all the Lord has done for us.
Let us give thanks to the Lord.***



November 26, 2023 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Christ cares for us and leads us as a shepherd does.

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

The prominent image for God in today's readings is the shepherd. This might be an unfamiliar image for city dwellers, but it is a very rich religious image. The Bible tells us that early Israelites were herders, so they knew a lot about shepherds. They knew that shepherds follow the wandering of their sheep and attended to their needs—not the other way around. They knew that shepherds lived with their sheep in the hills for long periods, away from family, friends, and the comforts of life. They knew that shepherds helped birthing and dying. They knew that all of this was a messy, smelly business, and no job for the fastidious.

Many nations of the ancient world, Israel included, thought of their kings as shepherds of the people—leaders who should be willing to do for their people what the shepherd does for the sheep. This explains why, on the feast of Christ the King, we represent our king as a shepherd rather than a victorious military commander, as many kings are. But more than this, throughout his life—at his passion and death, and now in his risen glory—Christ cares for us and leads us as a shepherd does. He embraces the messy, smelly reality of life. He is a shepherd-king, intent on our needs, searching for us when we seem to be lost. How comforting it is to know he carries us on his shoulders. †

Bringing Home the Word, November 2023

Reflection Questions

“Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.”

- What are you doing to help those who are most in need?
- What more could you do?

A Word from Pope Francis

We will be judged on love....not on feelings, no: we will be judged on works, on compassion....Do I draw near to Jesus present in the persons of the sick, the poor, the suffering, the imprisoned, of those who hunger and thirst for justice? Do I draw near to Jesus present there? This is the question for today.

*ANGELUS, ROME,
NOVEMBER 22, 2020*



*God of the universe, we
pray for the coming of
the kingdom of your Son in all places and in
the hearts of every human being.
We pray always in Jesus' name. Amen.*

The Redemptorists

*For peace throughout the world.
We pray to the Lord....*



Stewardship

“...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me.” – MATTHEW 25:40

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But real generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness, or mercy when it's not convenient to us, when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's timeline.

Dates of Reconciliation for our Churches

Immaculate Conception – Millhousen
Wednesday, December 13th from 6-8PM

St John the Baptist – Osgood
Wednesday, December 20th from 6-8PM

St Maurice – Napoleon - Reconciliation before and after Mass at the weekend Masses – December 9, 10, 16, 17 and December 23 and 24th.

You are invited to join Oldenburg Academy

for their Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 2nd. It will be at 6:30 in the OA auditorium and feature the Academy Singers, Orchestra, a piano quartet and solo musicians. Flyer on the Bulletin Board.

Parish Support

November 5	Weekly	4,768.00
November 12	Weekly	3,107.00
Cemetery Fund		200.00
Military Services		55.00
All Saints Days		856.00

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	Nov 18	8:00 AM	✠ Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Nov 18	5:00 PM	✠ Phil Wittich
Sun	Nov 19	7:30 AM	✠ Kimberly Reed
Wed	Nov 22	8:00 AM	✠ Paul Meister
Thurs	Nov 23	9:00 AM	✠ John & Lou Miller
Fri	Nov 24	8:00 AM	✠ Gary Taylor
Sat	Nov 25	8:00 AM	✠ Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Nov 25	5:00 PM	✠ Emily Mathes
Sun	Nov 26	7:30 AM	✠ Souls in Purgatory
Wed	Nov 29	8:00 AM	✠ Living & Deceased of the Al Little Family
Fri	Dec 01	8:00 AM	✠ Bill & Eddie Purdy
Sat	Dec 02	8:00 AM	✠ Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Dec 02	5:00 PM	✠ Jim McCain
Sun	Dec 03	7:30 AM	✠ Frank Wenning

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 23

Coordinator	Sharon Voegeli
Greeter	Bob Voegeli
Lector	Andy Miller
Eucharistic M	Andy Miller

November 25 November 26

Coordinator	MA Westmeier	Joan Carter
Greeter	Steve Mathes	Jill Jansing
Lector	John Holzer	Andy Miller
Eucharistic M	John Holzer	Andy Miller

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Rosemary & Idona Newhart	Week of Dec 3
Ted Wissel & MJ Hunter	Week of Dec 10
Sue Gridley & Margaret Jarvis	Week of Nov 19
Mary Ann W & Susan Banta	Week of Nov 26

Thank you all for your time and hard work!

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

Any food and household cleaning items.



2024 United Catholic Appeal United in the Eucharist- St John's Goal \$11,919

Have you made your commitment to the United Catholic Appeal? If so, thank you. If you have not yet had an opportunity, please prayerfully consider a gift. Your gift doesn't just make the mission possible. Your gift is part of the mission.

Amt Pledged to date \$7,245
60.7% of goal



St John's Ladies Christmas Luncheon December 10 – 1:00 PM at St John

All Ladies - Come join us for an afternoon of holiday fun and a catered lunch in the Church basement on Sunday, December 10.

Please sign up either on the sign-up sheet on the register or text Sharon at 513-505-8884.

We will have a small optional (\$5) gift exchange and door prizes. Please pick up an invitation as you leave church today.

The Lord's Laughter -A wife's elegy at her husband's funeral: "Norman needed a blood transfusion, but his blood type was not on record, so the doctors asked me if I knew what it was. They urgently needed to know, to save Norman's Life. Tragically, I had never known his blood type, so I only had time to sit and say goodbye. I'll never forget how supportive my Norman was. Even as he was fading away, he kept on whispering to me, "Be positive, be positive!" That was my Norman! Always thinking of others.



Mary K Chambers	Elliott Elkins	Peggy Fear
Paul Graf	Amy Graham	Lily Handt
Aaron Greiwe	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