

The Catholic Community of Saint John the Evangelist & Newman Center

St. John's

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Epiphany of the Lord



Artist: Blake Matejcek - Kindergarten

WEEKEND EUCHARIST

At Saint John's Church

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Sunday, 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am, 7:30 pm

January 6, 2008

St. John's Parish Mission Statement

St. John the Evangelist of Wahpeton, a Catholic community of faithful stewards, uniquely gifted, is committed to living fully a spiritual life. We accomplish this mission by:

- † Celebrating a sacramental life;
- † Being a hospitable, generous, faithful, and forgiving people;
- † Serving as a renewing community of life and love;
- † Supporting all people in their journey toward the Kingdom of God.

Parish Goal One

To have functioning, inspiring and welcoming religious grounds that will meet the present and future needs of the parish and community by developing and implementing a plan for addressing the education facility needs.

Parish Goal Two

To promote continual spiritual growth and fuller participation throughout the parish. We will obtain this goal by researching, developing and implementing a renewal process; developing effective methods for evangelization; developing effective methods for increasing participation by all; promoting enrollment in the parish school and by creating effective communication tools.



Almighty Father, you have sent your Spirit to build up the Church you established through your Son, Jesus Christ. Formed by your love, we form our children. Send Your Spirit upon us now, as we, your Church, begin the work of building *Saint John's Center for School and Religious Formation*. By your grace may our work bear fruit in the hearts and lives of our children and all of your people. Form us in our faith and in our work, all for the greater glory of your name. Amen.

Baptism:

Baptism Renewal/Preparation is required with each new baby. Next class will be in January. Contact the Parish Office at 642-6982.

Confirmation / First Eucharist:

May 9, 2008

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

For the un-baptized and those seeking full communion with the Catholic Church. For information, contact the Parish Office at 642-6982.

Reconciliation:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m. at St. John's, or by appointment. Call 642-6982.

Marriage:

Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance. Please call the Parish Office at 642-6982.

Sacrament of the Sick:

Hospitalization or serious illness, please contact one of the priests for Sacrament of the Sick at 642-6982.

Pastoral Care:

If you are homebound or hospitalized, Eucharist will be brought to you. Contact the Parish Office at 642-6982.

Registration:

If you are new to the Wahpeton Community, please register by contacting the Parish Office at 642-6982.

FUNERALS: To support our parish family in its grief, regular daily Mass, whenever possible will be transferred to the hour of the funeral. + + +

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S PARISH

Saturday, January 5th - *John Neumann, bishop*

Saturday Scripture: 1 Jn 3:11-21 / Jn 1:43-51

Sunday Scripture: Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

4:00 pm RECONCILIATION

5:30 pm EUCHARIST + Frank Gregor Jr

Sunday, January 6th - *Epiphany of the Lord*

Catholic Daughters rolls & coffee after the 7:30 & 9:00 am Masses

7:30 am EUCHARIST + Chuck Dufault (Rosary at 7:00 am)

9:00 am EUCHARIST People of the Parish

11:00 am EUCHARIST + Laura Peterson

3:30 pm BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. MEYER

7:30 pm EUCHARIST + Clara Packowski

Monday, January 7th - *Christmas Weekday*

Scripture: 1 Jn 3:22-4:12-17

7:00 am MORNING PRAYER

7:30 am EUCHARIST ++ Frank and Mary Karel

7:00 pm CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

7:00 pm MARDI GRAS COMMITTEE

7:00 pm RCIA

Mehok Center

East Room

SJ Church

Tuesday, January 8th - *Christmas Weekday*

Scripture: 1 Jn 4:7-10 / Mk 6:34-44

5:30 pm EUCHARIST + Deb Anderson

7:00 pm APOSTOLIC WORKS

7:00 pm NOEL NIGHT COMMITTEE

8:00 pm KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Mehok Center

SJ Library

East Room

Wednesday, January 9th - *Christmas Weekday*

Scripture: 1 Jn 4:11-18

7:00 am MORNING PRAYER

7:30 am EUCHARIST + Margaret Leinen

10:00 am EUCHARIST (Leach) Int: Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kaczynski

Thursday, January 10th - *Christmas Weekday*

Scripture: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 / Lk 4:14-22a

1:00 pm EUCHARIST + Rose Heley (Bishop Aquila will be with us)

7:00 pm TOWN HALL MEETING in Lisbon with Bishop Aquila

Friday, January 11th - *Christmas Weekday*

Scripture: 1 Jn 5:5-13 / Lk 5:12-16

7:00 am MORNING PRAYER

7:30 am EUCHARIST + Daniel Mislan

8:00 - 9:00 am ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

9:45 am EUCHARIST (SCLC) Int: Jacob Perez and Maria Cabrera

Saturday, January 12th - *Christmas Weekday*

Saturday Scripture: 1 Jn 5:14-21 / Jn 3:22-30

Sunday Scripture: Is 42:1-4,6-7 / Acts 10:34-38 / Mt 3:13-17

4:00 pm RECONCILIATION

5:30 pm EUCHARIST Int: Marlene Rode

Sunday, January 13th - *Baptism of the Lord*

7:30 am EUCHARIST Int: Christian Mothers (Rosary at 7:00 am)

9:00 am EUCHARIST + Andrew Kielb

11:00 am EUCHARIST People of the Parish

3:30 pm BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. MEYER

7:30 pm EUCHARIST + Robert (Bob) Beauchamp

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES If you will not be here, PLEASE find a sub
SATURDAY, January 12th

5:30 pm Proclaimer: Bill Sprung and Mark Zarak

Servers: Joey Dahlgren, Jade and Jordan Steffens

Euch Min: Brett Graves, Tom Resler, Debbi Berg, Harlan Muehler, Betty and Tom Pawlak

Greeters: Joanie Ward, Sharon Wateland, Karen Rice, Wm. Sprung

Ushers: T Resler, S Wateland, P K Krebs, D Grosz, N Champion, G Waldera

SUNDAY, January 13th

7:30 am Proclaimer: Rick Kielb

Servers: Morgan Muehler

Euch Min: Vickie and Rick Kielb, Audrey and Richard Kurowski, Joe Pellman, Phyllis Knutson

Greeters: Sherri & Tiffany Thomas, Travis Thomas, Marty Schmidt

Ushers: L & D Ewalt, M Schmidt, S & B Diederick, D Langenwalter

9:00 am Proclaimer: Youth

Servers: Caleigh Differding, Megan Matejcek, Emma Rubish

Euch. Min: Mike Jacklitch, Denise Herding, Brenda Morman, Elaine Schneider, Aaron Morman, Jody Schuler

Greeters: Kathy & Dave Langenwalter, Julene & Paul Griffin

Ushers: D Langenwalter, N Meyer, D Resler, K King, G Davis, J Suda

11:00 am Proclaimer: Liz Toussaint and Matt Fehr

Servers: Lucas Litchfield, Philip Meyer, Connor Tschakert

Euch. Min: Renee Walter, Mike and Mary Yaggie, Betty Goroski, Carol Crissler, Carol Osmundson

Greeters: Lorraine Tisdell, Linda Klindt, Mary Jane Reiff, Liz Toussaint

Ushers: D Thiel, B Straus, J Sturdevant, T Schneider, D Buck, G Abel

Deepest Sympathy is extended to **Monica Ehlert and family** on the death of her brother, **Edwin VanBeck**.

Deepest Sympathy is extended to **Reuben Olson and family** on the death of his wife, **Antonia Olson**.

Deepest Sympathy is extended to **Lavina Krause and family** on the death of her brother, **Donald Ahlers**.

May they rest in Eternal Peace!

"Pray Without Ceasing" is the theme of this year's annual **Celebration of Christian Unity** hosted by Bethel Lutheran Church on Sunday, January 20th. The 3:00 p.m. service will have special music by "Dakota Harmony" and a message by the Rev. Father Luke Meyer of St. John's Catholic Church. Light refreshments will be served following this community service. Please plan to unite with fellow Christians in this special service of praise and prayer.



Open House 80th Birthday Celebration for Elroy Meyer

will be held today, January 6th from 2 -5 pm at Hughes Shelter in Chahinkapa Park. All are welcome. Happy Birthday Elroy!

Advertisers of the Week: St John's/Newman Center thanks **The Print Shoppe** for their support of our weekly bulletin.

Sunday, February 3rd will mark our 12th Annual Mardi Gras.



This year it will be held again at the Eagles Club in Wahpeton. This is a parish celebration with a dinner, carnival games, bake sale, bingo, theme basket auction and raffle, all providing an afternoon of fun. We are again in need of donations of theme baskets for our basket auction and bottles for bottle lotto. Empty bottles and baskets are available near the Mardi Gras table in the gathering space. Raffle tickets were mailed this past week. Please return sold tickets to the parish office before January 30th or as soon as possible. If you are unable to sell the tickets please return them also.

MUSIC NOTES Regular Choir Practices January 9th

Joyful Noise will practice at 4:45 and youth and adult choir at 6 pm. 11:00 am choir practices at 5:30 on Mondays and ½ hour before Mass.

New voices are always welcome!

Pastor Away: Our pastor will be on vacation from January 7th - 24th. Please keep him in your prayers.

PARISH SUPPORT - A TIME TO SHARE

Our Tithes to the Lord (Fiscal Year July 1-June 30)

"No one, in fact, is so poor that they have nothing to give." John Paul II

Amount Needed Weekly	\$ 10,040.96
Envelope "Our Return to the Lord"	\$ 25,795.95
216 Contributors	
Children / Youth	\$ 13.60
Building Fund	\$ 37,104.92
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 1,688.50
Solemnity of Mary Plate	\$ 309.60
Plate	\$ 756.62
Year-to-Date Collection thru 1-1	\$ 285,474.45
Budgeted Amount Needed thru 1-6	\$ 271,105.92

THANK GOD FOR YOU! Thank you for using your envelope every Sunday. It is a great witness and invitation to all around. No one needs to know WHAT we give, but Jesus does demand that we lead those around us by what we do...evangelize...invite others by our good example. When you place your envelope in the collection each week, you do just that. Thanks for being good leaders. A special thanks also to our neighbors who not only visit our pews from time to time, but also make a grateful donation as well. We appreciate your thoughtful generosity.

Thanks be to God for your stewardship to the ministry of Our Lord here at Saint John's

Please pray for the ill and for those who have asked for prayers.

Because it is difficult to hear correctly so many names during the Prayers of the Faithful it has been suggested that individual names be listed for prayer in our weekly bulletin. Please pray for: Brian Brummond, Lydia Zwillling, Bob Hanson, Melissa Nordick, Eileen Willprecht, James Braun, Connor Terfehr, Rose Bergman, Amy Ostrom-Ahfs, Linda Johnson, Evelyn Fink, Mary Busta, Kathryn Glennan, Donna Tischer, James Parow, Lois Hoefs, Audrey Peplinski, Elizabeth Waclaw, Earl Baldner, Cordillia Birchem, JoEllen Puetz, John Deissler, London Nordick, Deborah Landphere, Hayden Asche, Mary Ann Siemieniewski, Marleen Kayeska, Richard Bladow, Dawson Wienbar, Maxine Schmit, Colleen Reinbold, Rod Styger, Marian Zach, Corrine Gira, Ron Schmit and Virginia Krause, Praying for our sick is a Corporal Work of Mercy for us all. Please notify our office if a name needs to be listed in our bulletin and please also let us know when a name can be removed. Thank you!

Youth & Education News

Upcoming Dates:

January 9th - Regular Religious Ed classes

January 16th - Regular Religious Ed classes

January 24th - Trip to Arrowwood Resort by Alexandria, MN. Arrowwood has a great water park. This is open to all 6-12 graders and their families. Cost is \$10 a person which includes entrance to the water park and \$3 to help pay for gas. Please contact Tammy by January 21st if you plan to attend. The water park is open from 4-9 pm and there is no school on the 25th.

January 30th - Tim Moser will be a guest speaker sponsored by Make a Sound Choice. He will be speaking at St. Mary's Church about making healthy choices. All of our students' grades 6-12 will be attending as part of their religious education class that night. Parents are also encouraged to attend. Watch the bulletin for more details in the near future.

After Christmas Sales - Our Vacation Bible School is called "Polar Expedition". If you'd like to pick up any decorations, stickers etc., we'd appreciate your help. Think of polar (i.e. icicles, polar bears, penguins, snowmen, huskies, etc.) vs Christmas items. Feel free to call Tammy or Michelle if you have any questions.

REMINDER...ADDRESS CHANGE, ETC. If you are moving away or are new to the parish, have an address change or change in family status (birth, death, marriage, divorce) please contact the parish office so we can update membership records. Anyone over 18 should register as an adult. We also need to know if you are no longer a member of our parish.



Epiphany: In Advent we heard the hymn that proclaimed, "Stay awake, get ready. The Lord is coming soon!" We must be as alert as possible to those occasions when we can be surprised by epiphany moments. A child's question, a teenager's dilemma, a quiet moment of prayer can all lead to a deeper awareness of God's presence. Epiphanies seem to come when we are ready to see with new eyes. We are encouraged to slow down and see Jesus Christ in those for whom we care, to listen for the ancient sounds that call us to prayer and to keep looking as the wise men did. God is among us.

Epiphany Home Blessing: This traditional blessing for Epiphany helps remind us to make Jesus known to the world. The numbers represent the current year. The letters are the from the names of the three wisemen: Caspar, Balthasar, and Melchoir. The inscription is made with chalk above your door. 20 + C + M + B + 08 **Prayer:** Lord, God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

BISHOP AQUILA will be here Thursday, January 10th for our children's Mass at 1:00 pm. All are welcome to attend the Mass. That evening in Lisbon at St. Aloysius Catholic Church Bishop Aquila is hosting a **Town Hall Meeting** at 7:00 pm. All Catholics and interested parties are invited to hear Bishop Aquila present a state-of-the-diocese address followed by a question and answer session. Bring your joys and suggestions to the meeting; your Bishop is eager to visit with you!!

Workshop for all Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (EME). Please plan on attending the workshop on Thursday, January 17th. 6:30 for EME's and 7:30 for Lectors. Please call the parish office if you are unable to attend on that date.

40 Hours for Life North Dakota: Now is the time... Fargo is the place... you are the person to attend a strategic planning meeting to end abortion in our state with the 40 Hours for Life ND effort. All are welcome to join us on Thursday, January 10th, 6:30 pm at the Pastoral Center, 502 Bishops Blvd., Fargo. For more information contact the Pregnancy Help Center 701-356-7979 or go to: www.40daysforlifend.com.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Have you, or someone you know, suffered from the physical, emotional, and spiritual effects of a past abortion? Rachel's Vineyard offers a safe, non-judgmental and confidential weekend retreat for anyone; women, men, grandparents and siblings who struggle with the feelings of loss that can accompany an abortion experience. The weekend begins on a Friday night and concludes on Sunday afternoon. The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is scheduled for March 14-16, 2008 in Valley City. For more information, contact Shelly at lifecaretrf@wiktel.com or 218-686-3368. All calls are confidential.

Freedom from Smoking sponsored by Richland County Health Department will start it's next class on January 29th at the Richland County Health department or NDSCS. 12 Noon or 7-9 pm. Class size is limited, to pre-register (required) please call 642-7744.



Un-decorate The church celebrates the Christmas season every day up to Baptism of the Lord on Sunday January 13th. We ask everyone to help us take down the Christmas decorations on Tuesday, January 15th from 6:00 to 8:30pm. Please stay as long as you possibly can.