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The Evangelizer

St. John the Evangelist/Newman Parish

FALL 2011

LEAD BY EXAMPLE AND INVITE OTHERS TO FOLLOW, ALWAYS

My family lost another of our treasures to death this past week. We were not so ready to let go of her, but Joanie, on the other hand, was more than ready to be with her God, her dear husband of fifty years and their wonderful son who left behind a beautiful young wife and three lovely, talented daughters.

“Joanie stories” are endless. She had an amazing gift of charm mixed with an uncanny ability to ignore the bad and see only the good. The underdog invariably found a friend in Joanie and a little bending of the rules was par for Joanie’s course, especially when it came to the more “human” of conditions like “talking across the table” at a game of cards.

Joanie hated to see anyone suffer and wanted everyone to get along and be happy. Life was often not that way, but that did not stop Joanie’s wanting it that way, even as behavior would sometimes undermine her own will to do good. She truly understood our human condition.

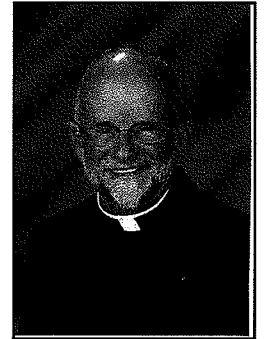
I think that sort of unconditional acceptance made Joanie so attractive, particularly to the young. She was up on the latest and delightfully curious about life. She so obviously enjoyed their world and them in it. Our last visit only a day before her brief and final hospitalization, Joanie’s cell phone interrupted our conversation over and over with calls from young family and friends checking in to see if they could stop by.

The best of her story-filled wonderful wake was delivered by college-aged granddaughter, Lindsay. One Saturday afternoon, she dropped in to see her grandmother just as Joanie was headed out the door. “Why don’t you come with me? I’m on my way to church. You don’t have to go with me, but I’d love to have you.” “OK.” Lindsay said. “I had been baptized Catholic, but I hadn’t been to church in a while and I had never been confirmed and, well, I just decided that I’d do it. I’d go with Joanie.” As we were driving there, Joanie said, “Oh by the way, I think I’ll go to confession today. It’s been a while and I need to. Would you like to go too? You can, you know, if you would like to. I think that would be nice. You don’t have to though.” “Well, I stood there in line and waited. After a few minutes, out comes Joanie, happy as can be.” “I told him all about you. He’s ready!” “In I went. What a great experience. I really do hope I can be confirmed someday. I know Grandma would like that and I want to.” Lindsay sat down, happy as can be.

No one can force us to pray or to love God or to love one another. We can do as God our Father has done in Jesus his Son. His love is unconditional. We can become treasuries of that goodness. We can attract others. We can set the good example and then invite others to join us. We can train ourselves to tolerate the weeds in our lives and in the lives of those entrusted to us. Then we can nurture the good wheat as Jesus puts the parable in Matthew. God will deal with the weeds in due time. “Love the sinner, hate the sin,” is the wise advice of Saint Augustine.

You and I are to be centers of School and Religious Formation. Joanie may not have led the perfect life, but in some very wonderful ways, she catechized, she led those she loved to God.

As we begin this new catechetical year, I pray each of us will lead by example. It’s true that we don’t have to, but the consequences of our “no” may well be catastrophic not only to our salvation, but to the eternal life of those entrusted to our care.



Fr. Dale Lagodinski

Fr. Dale Lagodinski, Pastor

As Summer Draws To A Close . . . **by Fr. Terry Dodge**

While you are reading this the summer is waning and fall will soon begin to beckon. The hot muggy days will give way to fresh cooler air. Crops will be reaped in the fields. Children will return to the classroom. (What a welcome break for you parents, eh?) Now that our minds are engaging these ideas it is a good time for us to think about how to make this fall and winter a spiritually profitable one for ourselves and our families.

One thing to consider is your child's education. Here at St. John's education is taken seriously. Besides learning all that the state requires, your child also learns about how to act as a model Christian, how to treat others with dignity and respect, how to show and give love, in effect, how to be another Christ. In a world that is doing all it can to erase God from everyday life, St. John's staff is doing all they can to instill moral and Christian ethical values into our school kids and their families. In addition to what they learn at home they learn new prayers and how and when to pray them. They also learn about different devotions like the rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. On Thursday's they have the opportunity to attend Mass, to have the Word of God explained to them and the chance to sing joyful songs to the Lord. As their young minds are growing they are being formed in the ways of the Lord, which pleases God. This solid Catholic education during their formative years will bear much fruit in later years. Saying no to the wrongs of today's society requires much intestinal fortitude. Peer pressure alone many times forces school kids to do the wrong things. But if they have the background of a solid Catholic education they stand a better chance of remaining in the state of grace. So as you are thinking of what lies ahead for your family this coming school year please think about enrolling your child at St. John's, where they are wrapped in God's love.

Also, this fall is a great time to have special family prayer time with your family. Praying the rosary as a family each evening reinforces the graces we receive at Sunday Mass, especially when meditating on the individual mysteries. In addition, this alone time we spend with our family as a family helps the members of the family to bond together. There are so many activities today that tug at the family bond, threatening to dissolve the unity that God wants for each family. These activities are goods in and of themselves, but they can be detrimental when they do not contribute to family togetherness. It's hard sometimes for families to get together but sometimes parents must set limits as to the number of activities their children can participate in so that family unity is assured. Just playing a few board games during the week helps form children in a way that's respectful of the family. Sometimes we forget the value of family until it is disrupted severely through someone's sickness/accident/death. It is precisely at these tough times that family love and unity and being there for each other will help the family through the disruptive period so that calmness may prevail.

Remember, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are family. Created in their image and likeness, so are we called to be. We just have to work at it a little harder! But with God's help and guidance family education, prayer and unity may be foremost on our minds this fall!

*In Christ,
Fr. Terry Dodge*

PASTOR'S REPORT ON OUR NEWEST: **THE PROJECT WRAP-UP COMMITTEE**

With the approval of the pastor, Saint John's Pastoral Council inaugurated the final phase of physical renewal of its facility on March 15, 2011 with the formation of the Project Wrap-Up Committee: Brent Muehlberg (Co-chair), Laurie Strause (co-chair), Sue Abel, Dean Allmendinger, Darcie Huwe, James Link, Jim Lutz, Tom Mohs, Travis Schafer, Betsy Sitz, John Wieser, Liz Toussaint (Secretary).

Their mandate:

- 1- Research needs, come to consensus on what needs to be done taking into account parish, diocesan and city requirements.
- 2- Determine costs and financial needs keeping in mind that we can only build what we can pay for.
- 3- Seek contractors, bids and contract the work.

A time line prioritizing the order of tasks to be accomplished :

- 1- Clear property one half block north of the new facility, design and build a new rectory. (2011-2012)
- 2- Dispose of the present rectory and finish the grounds as a parking lot. (2012)
- 3- Clear the school lot (remove old school) and finish grounds as a parking lot. (2012-2013)
- 4- Study future use of empty lot (parish property) on the corner of Dakota and 3rd St N.

After a lengthy and unsuccessful effort to sell the old church and adjacent small house on our new property, the committee was finally able to donate the house to a local resident who removed it at his own expense. Removal of the old church was put out for bids and now will be demolished by Comstock Construction after Habitat for Humanity was invited to take what could be used for their purposes, and after individuals who came forward were allowed to remove whatever they found useful.

In May the committee began work on designing a future rectory. In order to educate themselves on the requirements of rectory residence, the committee toured the newly constructed Jamestown rectory, the newly remodeled Valley City rectory, the recently constructed rectories at Nativity and Sts. Anne and Joachim in Fargo. This information has been most valuable.

Upon the advice of those heavily involved in similar efforts, namely the Diocesan Properties Manager, Earl Wilhelm, and pastors who have recently built rectories, the unanimous decision of the committee was to retain an architect. Because of his knowledge and experience with our parish in the study of the old school and church properties before construction and in the design of our new school facility, Wade Erickson of Foss Associates in Fargo was retained.

Wade has been most helpful in the design process which is now nearing completion as the committee refined the eighth version of drawings on Tuesday, August 9, 2012. Once this phase is complete, the committee must review the estimated cost of the proposed design.

The committee also has just begun study of the sites for new parking lots. Once their design and the estimate of cost of construction is determined, the committee must assemble the total estimated cost of the entire project.

After review of the cost estimates, the committee must determine what finances will be needed before we can proceed to construction documents. Diocesan policy requires that one half of the funds needed to complete a building project must be secured and a plan determined for the securing of the other half.

On a personal note, as pastor, I remain very grateful for yet one more hard working and skilled group of parishioners who, on our behalf, are shepherding this effort toward completion. I also am deeply grateful to God for the prayers, genuine interest and trust within our parish which have grown over these challenging construction years at Saint John's. What great signs of hope as this pastor approaches forty years of priestly ministry. I am glad to be here with you and honored by your confidence.

Father Dale Lagodinski

HOW ARE WE GOING TO PAY FOR IT?

For the last 15 years, our pastor has put great confidence in God and in us, his flock. As a result, what few of us thought possible at the time has been done. Our parish has embraced and has fully funded two outstanding achievements in our history. Pulling together, we have constructed our beautiful new Church and Saint John's Center for School and Religious Formation.

In addition to our personal financial sacrifices, a major blessing in our success so far has been our unanticipated financial gifts from bequests and generous individuals who have remembered Saint John's Parish.

Thanks to the ongoing dedication to the pledges we parishioners have made, our parish now enters this final phase of our project with \$300,200.00 in our building fund. If everyone who has already made their pledge would be able to complete it, we will have \$755,790.00!

We are all aware that removing large structures, constructing a rectory and building parking lots will be costly and additional funds will be required if our project is to be completed.

To accomplish this final goal, we can be inspired by the faithful example of those in our parish who have always been and continue to be so generous in their giving. If all who are capable of a commitment to our total project but have not made one so far would come forward, we will be able to finish everything!

As we embark on our final phase, we can be very grateful for what we have been able to do. Through the generosity of our Saint John's parishioners, we have managed to create two beautiful structures to the Glory of God. Once again we can pull together and finish our final phase.

Let's pray for each other as we finish the job!

Saint John's Finance Committee

Catholic Relief Services Extreme hunger is rapidly becoming a harsh daily reality for more than 11 million people in East Africa because of what many are calling the worst drought in decades. This severe lack of rainfall has resulted in failed crops and critical shortages in food and water. Further compounding this natural disaster are drastic increases in food prices and an influx of refugees from Somalia, who have fled to Kenya to seek food. Please give now to the East Africa Emergency Fund by phone at 1-800-736-3467 or mail to Catholic Relief Services, PO Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21203-7090. Please help.

PARISH SUPPORT Can you help us catch up? As of August 14th we are almost \$30,000 behind budget. If you have been away we really hope you will consider your gift.

WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE OLD SCHOOL AND WHEN?

The Committee (Wrap-Up Committee) set up through the Pastoral Council and approved by our pastor has the responsibility recommending how our final construction phase should proceed.

Their recommendation is that our first need is to expand the most utilized and the most proximate parking which would be the lot in front of the new Saint John's School and Religious Formation Center. This lot has our handicapped parking and is normally the first to fill and is frequently overflowing during the weekend Masses and when there are funerals and weddings. In order to expand this lot, the present rectory needs to be removed which means providing a new rectory for the parish.

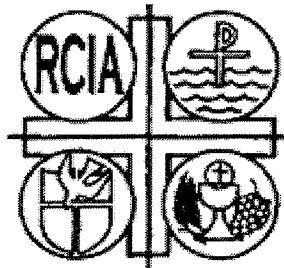
Additional parking spaces around the old school are available, but are normally not fully utilized except when we have extraordinary crowds. Removal of the old school is scheduled to happen after the new rectory is built and the parking lot in front of the new school is completed.

PRECIOUS OPPORTUNITY BEFORE REMOVAL IS NOW!

The following invitation has been in our Sunday bulletin for some time with no response. Please be aware, if no one comes forward to assist in this process, what could be a wonderful opportunity will be lost when the building is removed.

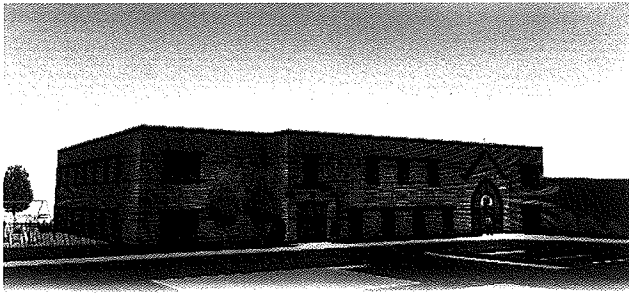
SOUVENIR MEMORIALS FROM THE OLD SCHOOL

Sadly, the day is nearing when our beloved 1928 building for Saint John's School will be dismantled. Many have expressed interest in whether there will be memorials available. Folks have proposed making shadow boxes and all sorts of craft items from pieces of shelves, windows, wall coverings. Suggestions have been to have a final fund raising auction of any and all that remains before demolition begins. These are just a few great ideas. We are happy to form a committee to oversee such a wonderful project. If you have an interest in making this phase happen, call the office as soon as possible.



INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC OR IN GETTING BACK INTO BEING CATHOLIC?

Soon we will be gathering for our fall sessions of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) where we try to answer questions and concerns about the Catholic way of life. You may be married to a Catholic, someone who has always wondered about Catholics, or someone who is considering becoming a Catholic or someone who was once a Catholic. You might be baptized or would like to get baptized. Anyone of good heart is warmly welcomed. You assume no obligation or commitment in attending these introductory sessions. You may, however, find some satisfaction and some answers or perhaps a more informed way to continue your search! Dates will be forthcoming. Meanwhile, feel free to call the parish office if you wish to register (not required, but helpful for our hospitality plans).



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ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL EDUCATORS & SUPPORT STAFF

The staff and students of St. John's School are very excited for the start of another year at the new location. We are happy to announce that our team of dedicated and talented teachers are all returning for a fun and faith-filled year of learning. Assignments for the 2011-2012 school year are:

- Amber Bogenreif, Preschool
- Mary Ann Keehn, Kindergarten
- Cheryl Woodruff, 1st grade
- Deb Blaufuss, 2nd grade
- Connie Madsen, 3rd grade
- Marsha DeVine, 4th grade
- Sharon Terfehr, 5th grade
- Lori Matejcek, 6th grade
- Sandy Olson, Music
- Jennifer Conzemius, Library
- Anthony Bogenreif, PE/Computer
- Elaine Schneider, Counselor
- Renée Walter, Secretary
- Deb Resler, Head Cook
- Marlette Schultz, Assistant Cook
- Butch Nelson, Maintenance
- Renee Langenwalter, Principal

WHY CATHOLIC EDUCATION?

A wonderful and faith-filled opportunity awaits all families at St. John's School. In addition to a dedicated and hard working staff, St. John's is a competitive school academically. But, more importantly, St. John's puts our Creator first in the lives of the students each and every day. Jesus is the reason for this school. He is the unseen but ever present teacher. He is the model of our faculty and inspiration of our students. We all know God's love for us to be the truth and the light. Why not share your love and faith in our heavenly Father by participating in your local Catholic school.

HARLEY DAVIDSON RAFFLE

St. John's Noel Night committee is once again sponsoring a raffle of a Harley Davidson motorcycle. This year's bike is a 2011 Heritage Soft Tail Classic FLSTC. A limited number of tickets will be sold and are now available. To get your ticket or for more information call St. John's School. You're not just buying a chance at a truly awesome bike, you're supporting a truly awesome school! What are you waiting for? Get your ticket now! Tickets are available for purchase at the parish or school office.

DO YOU EVER . . .

- buy gas?
- buy groceries?
- by prescriptions?
- go to the movies?
- go out to eat?
- pay bills?
- make home improvements?

HAVE YOU EVER . . .

paid for any of these items with St. John's Scrip? If you have then you support St. John's Parish and the religious formation of our children and youth! Scrip is always available by monthly order or immediately in the parish office and it only takes a couple minutes to stop in and shop scrip. You won't pay more for the things you already buy and St. John's benefits through your purchase of Scrip. For more information about Scrip call 642-6116 or 642-6982.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. John's School would like to thank the many volunteers who have been with us over the years! You make St. John's School a remarkable place to learn and grow. St. John's School is always looking for volunteers to help in the classrooms and with day to day activities. If you would like to find out more about how you can become a volunteer, please call us at 642-6116.



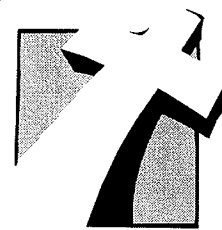
Coming Soon: The 7th Annual NOEL NIGHT ~ A Dinner Event & Auction
Saturday, December 3, 2011 • Limited number of tickets available October 1



SUPPORT CATHOLIC EDUCATION



Listed below are just a few ways anyone can help support Catholic education at St. John's. They only require a little bit of effort and time, and the results can be substantial, but we can't do it without your help. All people are encouraged to participate! Please spread the word and ask your relatives, friends, and neighbors to pitch in.



• VOLUNTEERS •

St. John's School welcomes volunteers for a variety of tasks, such as, classroom aide, library aide, recess supervisor, office substitute, technology assistance, Scrip sales, Noel Night volunteer, and special events planning to name a few. If you are interested in volunteering please notify your child's teacher or the school office.

• BOX TOPS for EDUCATION •

Box tops for education can be found on the top of all General Mills cereal boxes and other products purchased at your local grocery store. Please save and bring them to either the parish or school office at your convenience. Each box top is worth \$.10 and over time, it really adds up.

• ST. JOHN'S SCRIP •

Please plan ahead and buy scrip before you go shopping.

St. John's Scrip can be ordered once monthly or may be purchased in the church office during office hours as well as after some weekend masses. Scrip certificates make wonderful gifts. Consider buying a certificate for a friend or relative at their favorite store or restaurant. They are super for college kids too!

• CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS •

These may be taken from a variety of food products by the Campbell's Company. Please save the entire label and drop off either at the parish or school office. Many items for classroom use may be purchased using these labels.

• USED CELL PHONE RECYCLING •

Got a new cell phone, we'll recycle your old one for \$\$\$.

• OUR FAMILY LABELS for EDUCATION •

Collect the UPC from any Our Family product (found at Econofoods) and turn into the school or parish office. Each label is worth \$\$\$ and are found on hundreds of items throughout the grocery store

• JUBILEE FOODS RECEIPTS •

Save your receipts **September 1, 2011** until **March 31, 2012** and turn into the school or parish office. This collection enables the teachers to acquire new classroom materials at no cost to them.

• ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING •

Wilkin County Recycling Center will take your aluminum cans, just tell them to credit St. John's. The recycling center is located at 515 8th Street South, Breckenridge. Follow Hwy 75 south and take the first left after the curve. Drive straight in to the garage where an attendant will help you with all your recyclables.

• TARGET TAKE CHARGE of EDUCATION •

Using a Target charge card you can help St. John's School and take part in their Take Charge of Education program. A percentage of all charges are donated back to St. John's School. Call Target at 1-800-316-6142 and ask that St. John's School receive your donation.

• INK JET & LASER TONER CARTRIDGES •

Please save and bring in your empty ink jet and laser toner cartridges to St. John's School or parish office at your convenience. Cartridges are then recycled and St. John's School may redeem for cash or educational supplies.

***Thanks to everyone for your efforts and support of St. John's School!
If you have any questions, please call
SJS at 642-6116 or the parish office at 642-6982.***

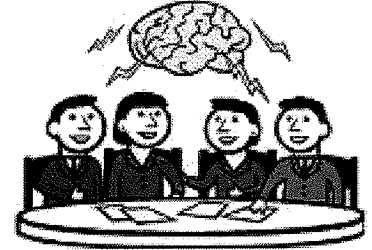
AUGUST 2011 YOUTH NEWS



As you may know, Amber will be working full time with St. John's School and Daycare this coming year. **So we're looking for a Youth Minister. Please call Michelle or Fr. Dale if you are interested (full or part-time).**

In addition, we feel it would be helpful to have a Parent Advisory Council to help St. John's program be the best it can be for the benefit for our children.

If you would be willing to be a parent rep for your child's class, willing to brainstorm or willing to help plan & implement events, please call Michelle and join the other parents already interested.

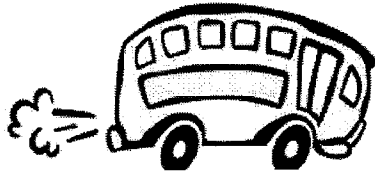


Some youth events are coming very quickly:

St. John's Youth Group &



present



Pay It Forward Service Tour

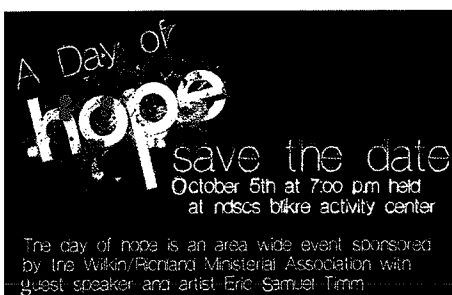
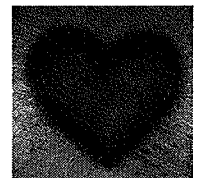
destined for Omaha, NE. Projects in Brookings, SD, Spencer, IA, and Missouri Valley, IA along the way! Cost is \$285 early bird. After Sept 7th, cost will be \$300 per student. You only have to put down \$100 now & we will help you keep working to earn the remainder.

Spots go early so sign up fast grades 9-12!

Go to www.stlf.net. Go to Wahpeton/Wyndmere tour. Call Michelle or Tammy Goerger for more details.

Annual Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage. Join 3 other St. John's youth who've previously traveled with the Diocese for this Youth Pilgrimage that gathers in Washington DC for the March for Life Jan 19-24, 2012. Registration deadline is Oct 17th. St. John's Pro-life committee would be willing to help you raise the monies needed. See Michelle for app or email rachelle.sauvageau@fargodiocese.org

September 21st - "The Women's Panel" will be held during class at 7pm. The five women will be sharing their journey from the tragedy of abortion to healing. Parents and adults are welcome.



Wednesday, October 5th will be lit up with Eric Samuel Timm and his band. We are joining with the other churches in our area. All area youth are welcome to attend. We'll meet at 6:50pm at the north doors of NDSCS's Blikre Center

We look forward to seeing you at our many youth events this fall!

St. John's Religious Formation 2011-2012

Revised 8/10/11

Aug 31 - Opening Mass for all Families - 6:30pm

Sep 7 - Class 1 - gr 1-5 @ 3:30 and gr 6-12 @ 7pm
14 - Class 2



21- Watch Gr 1-5 for schedule change due to early school dismissal. Gr. 6-12 meet in Church for Panel on how abortion affected their life at regular 7pm. Class 3.

28 - Class 4 -

29 - Thursday ~ 3rd grade Parent meeting on Confirmation ~7pm Mehok Ctr.

Oct 5 - Class 5 -

6-Thursday-2nd grade Parent meeting on Sacraments - 7pm Mehok Ctr.

12 - Class 6 -

14 - Deadline for SEARCH Nov. 11-13 in Valley City. If you are 16, please come. See forms in Youth Room

19 ~ Wednesday ~ 3rd grade Parent meeting on Confirmation ~ 7pm Mehok Ctr.

19 - No RE Classes - Teachers' Convention

Wed 19th - Sun 23rd - Pay It Forward Tour - Service projects to Omaha! All in gr. 9-12 welcome!

26 - Class 7 - Grades 6-12 meet at 6:45-8:15pm Service Projects & Fun. Treats following. (We need volunteer drivers for each class this evening.)

WATCH FOR INFO ON THE SENIOR YOUTH RALLY ALL STUDENTS GRADES 9-12.

Nov 2 - Class 8

9 ~ Wednesday ~ 2nd grade Parent meeting on Reconciliation ~ 7pm - Church

9- Class 9

11-13 SEARCH in Valley City. Get UR application in the Youth Room so u can join us Jan. 13-15, 2012

16 - Class 10 -

23 - NO CLASS - Thanksgiving Break

30 - Class 11 -

Dec 6 - Tuesday ~ 3rd grade Parent AND Student meeting on Confirmation ~7pm in the Church

7 - Regular Class 12 - Gr 1-5 @ 330pm. Gr. 6-12-7p Vigil Mass for Immaculate Conception Holy Day

8- Thursday - Immaculate Conception - Holy Day of Obligation - Mass at 7am, 1pm and 530pm

11 - Sunday - Parish Reconciliation Liturgy - 4 & 6:30pm- Please join us.

14 - Class 13 - Reconciliation 3:30 for gr. 3-5. Reconciliation at 7pm for gr. 6-12. If Junior high and High School students are available when school is dismissed, they are welcome to come to the 3:30 Confessions as long as the younger children go first.

19 - Deadline for SEARCH Jan 13-15 in Valley City. If you are 16, please come. See forms in Youth Room

21 - Class 14 -

28 - NO CLASS

2012

Jan 4 - Class 15

5 - Thursday - 2nd grade Parent meeting on Reconciliation - 7pm Mehok Ctr.

11 - Class 16-

13-15 SEARCH in Valley City. Get UR application in the Youth Room so u can join us Mar. 9-11.

St. John's Religious Formation 2011-2012 continued

Jan. 18 - Class 17 -

19 - Thursday ~ 3rd grade Parent meeting on Eucharist ~7pm Mehok Ctr.

25- Early School Dismissal - No RE classes - Teacher Inservice - 7pm Mehok Center

Feb. 1 - Class 19 -

2 - Thursday ~ 3rd grade Parent meeting on Eucharist ~7pm Mehok Ctr.

8 - Class 20 -

15 - Class 21 -

16 - Thursday ~ 3rd grade Parent meeting on Eucharist ~7pm Mehok Ctr.

17 - Deadline for SEARCH Mar. 9-11 in valley City. If you are 16, please come. See forms in Youth Room

22 - Ash Wednesday -Gr. 1-5 Mass at 3:30pm Gr. 6-12 Mass at 7:00pm

29 - Class 22 -

Watch For INFO ON Jr. High Rally - gr 6-8

Mar 1 - Thursday - 2nd grade Parent AND Student meeting on Reconciliation - 7pm in the Church


7 - Class 23 -

9-11 SEARCH in valley City. Get UR app now so u don't miss the last SEARCH of the year Apr. 13-15.

10 - Saturday - 2nd grade **Retreat & First Reconciliation** for Students & Parents - 8:45-Noon~ Mehok Ctr.

14 - Class 24 - Reconciliation 3:30 for gr. 2-5. Reconciliation at 7pm for gr. 6-12. If Junior high and High School students are available when school is dismissed, they are welcome to come to the 3:30 Confessions as long as the younger children go first

15 - Thursday ~ 3rd grade Parent AND Students meeting on Eucharist ~7pm in the Church

21  - Gr 1-5 watch for schedule change. Gr. 6-12 will meet at regular 7pm. Class 25

20 - Deadline for SEARCH Apr. 13-15 in valley City. If you are 16, please come. See forms in Youth Room

24 - Saturday - 3rd grade **Eucharist & Confirmation Retreat** for Students & Parents - 9a-Noon~ Mehok Ctr.

28 - Class 26 -

Apr 1 - Sunday - Parish Reconciliation Liturgy - 4 & 6:30pm- Please join us.

4 - NO CLASS - PLEASE CELEBRATE THE TRIDUUM WITH US !

8 - Easter Sunday! Rejoice - Jesus is Risen!

11 - Class 27 -

18 - Class 28 -

25 - Class 29 -

May 2 - Class 30 -

9 - LAST CLASS - PARENTS WELCOME TO COME TO CELEBRATE EUCHARIST WITH US

May God Bless our Families!

Formed in faith we form our children.

2011-12 Religious Formation Registration & News



Dear Parent(s):

Please complete the information below for all students grades 1 - 12 who will be attending Religious Formation. Also register any child between age 4 and First Grade who will be attending Sunday School during our 9 am Mass. I've added a new section below. Please browse & mark your selections. Return this form as soon as possible with your religious education payment and your child's registration will be complete.

Thank you for your support and understanding regarding our yearly expenses. Amounts are below. Please make arrangements with Michelle or Father Dale if finances are a concern. If you need to pay in several installments or have other options, we will gladly accept those arrangements if you let us know. We always look forward to teaming with members of our parish family. Thank you for supporting your child in this program.

ALL INFORMATION ON THIS RECORD IS HELD IN CONFIDENCE.

Please list your child(ren)'s names and grade level below. Expected minimum tuition for religious formation is \$40 per child in grades 1 - 12; Sunday School is for ages 4 through Junior First and is \$5.00.

<u>Child</u>	<u>Grade</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

REMEMBER,
NO CELL PHONES
DURING CLASS!!!

Parents/Guardians Name & Address _____

Home Phone# _____

Parents Work Phone or emergency Contact # _____

e-mail* _____

*The emails are only used to provide information to you regarding class changes, meeting notices & other info pertaining to our religious formation program & offerings.

I would be willing to assist by:

helping aid with younger children

Parent Rep on Parent Council

Chaperone youth events

Other _____

Supervising Open Gym/Youth Room 6 or 8pm Wed.

Plan youth events for gr 6-8 or 9-12

Create/Update Youth page on Facebook

The Parent Handbook, which includes our calendar, class lists and other pertinent information will be available the end of August. We look forward to assisting you again this year with the faith formation of your child. If there is any way we can assist you or if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call.

Thank you! Sincerely, *Michelle Fehr*, Parish Life Coordinator

We ask that you please sign the release below so that we may display photographs and the name of your child on our youth bulletin board. Thank you.

_____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date



St. John's

Noel Night

A Dinner Event - December 3

What is *Noel Night*?

Noel Night is a dinner event planned for the evening of December 3 by people dedicated to the success of St. John's. *Noel Night* events help raise money to continue the tradition of excellence in education and formation of our children. The idea, although not conceived by this school, has proven successful throughout our diocese in Catholic schools in Fargo, Jamestown, Grand Forks, and Devils Lake to name a few, as well as our neighbor, St. Mary's School.

We are very excited about the seventh year of St. John's *Noel Night* Dinner Event. Highlights of the evening include: a prime rib dinner with musical entertainment; raffles for a Harley-Davidson; beautiful jewelry; and, a wonderful variety of silent and live auction items.

The evening begins at 6:00 PM. If you are interested in purchasing dinner tickets or raffle tickets for the event, please call St. John's School, 642-6116. Dinner tickets are limited. However, all are welcome to join in the shopping during the live auction event beginning at approximately 9:00 PM the same evening.

Noel Night Event Tickets

\$30.00 each

How will we pull it off?

Much of the preparation for the event has taken place during meetings over the last several months, but we need you - our faithful supporters - to help ensure the event's success. There are many ways you can help *Noel Night* to be a success.

Contributions

Sponsorship opportunities are available for businesses and families who would like to help defray the expenses of *Noel Night*. You or your business name will be included in the program booklet in gratitude for your contributions.

Levels of Giving are:

Diamond ~ \$1000

Platinum ~ \$500

Gold ~ \$300

Silver ~ \$200

Bronze ~ \$100

If interested in making a sponsorship or becoming a *Noel Night* volunteer, please contact either the parish or school office. Thank you.

You may also be of great support by attending the *Noel Night* dinner and participating as an active bidder in the live auction. And finally, your greatest support is through continued prayers for St. John's and the children.

Thank you,

Noel Night Committee

"Fundraising is the gentle art of teaching the joy of giving"
~Hank Rosso

THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL

There are many ways to say the same thing. For example, at my house if I say, "I'm going to the store." My family knows I'm headed to get groceries. However, their friends that are visiting are wondering, "Which store does she mean: clothes, hardware, pharmacy....?"

In some ways the upcoming changes at Mass are similar. As one resource wrote, "In all the changes in the Mass, nothing has ever been done that changed the essential meaning of the Mass." The new changes are like the different tones we use when speaking. If I am addressing a parent group or my child's principal, my tone is more formal than when I visit with my neighbors. As Bishop Aquila wrote in the last "New Earth", he hopes the upcoming changes in wording will open the doors that we may participate with greater wonder & awe in the Eucharistic mystery.

As Bishop Aquila mentioned in the New Earth, all the US Bishops are asking the parishes to begin using the new sung responses beginning in September. We will all be learning a little at a time. See below for the new piece we'll get to look forward to each week.

We may wonder what is the point of all these changes? "This is going to be crazy. Nobody's going to know what to say when." Hopefully we can remember just 2 main pieces. #1- The essential meaning of the Mass is not changing. #2- We are receiving a wonderful invitation. We are invited to grow in understanding of the graces of the Eucharist. We are invited to more profoundly realize the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

One of our homebound parishioners was recently present here at the Church for a funeral. She was unable to walk to the front. As I brought the Precious Blood of Christ to her, her eyes rose & gazed on the chalice with such a rapt look of joy. It was one of the holiest moments, I've ever witnessed.

May our hearts be open as the Holy Spirit leads us through these times of change.



Timeline of music implementation for the Diocese of Fargo - Roman Missal, 3rd edition **Please note: We will have programs in the pews to aid us as we learn.**

Sept. 10 and 11 Introduction of new Penitential Rite.

Sept. 17 and 18 Introduction of new Glory to God.

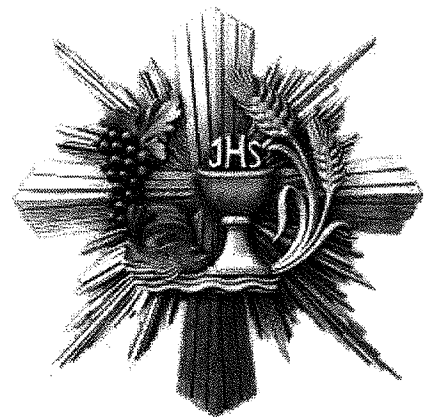
Oct. 8 and 9 Introduction of new Holy, Holy, Holy.

Oct. 15 and 16 Introduction of new Creed.

Oct. 22 and 23 Introduction of new Memorial Acclamations.

Nov. 12 and 13 Introduction of new Lamb of God.

Nov. 26 and 27 Introduction of full third edition of the Roman Missal, dialogues, presidential prayers, prefaces and Eucharistic prayers.



LIFE NOTES

“ A WOMAN’S PANEL” A post-abortive panel of women will share their journey of hurt, pain, and grief to healing and hope. Each woman has walked through the doors of an abortion facility at some point and ended the life of their unborn child. Their desire will be to share the truth in love in hopes that those who hear will be better equipped to reach out to others who are struggling with a current choice or a past decision concerning the issue of life.

Come and listen Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at 7 pm in St. John’s School Gym, Wahpeton. Adults of every age and grades 7 - 12 are welcome.

COMING EVENTS

- † Pro-Life Team Meeting - Tuesday, September 13th at 3:15 pm
- † Kick Off Breakfast - “40 Days of Life” - Sunday, September 18th after morning masses
- † “A WOMAN’S PANEL” - Wednesday, September 21st at 7 pm in the school gym
- † Prayer Day at the Fargo Abortion Facility - Friday, September 23rd; 10 am to 4 pm
- † Walk for Life - First Choice Clinic - Saturday, September 24th
- † Respect Life Month - October - Baby Shower and display

ABORTION’S impact in North Dakota:

* Every week abortion takes the life of about 23 unborn children. This is the equivalent of a kindergarten class.

* 51,763 babies have been killed by abortion in North Dakota since reporting became mandatory in 1979.

* At one time three abortion facilities opened in North Dakota. ONE REMAINS

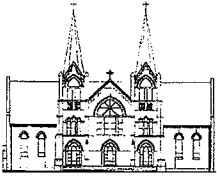
Since the first 40 Days of Life North Dakota campaign in 2007 approximately 35 babies have been saved from an abortion at the Red River Women’s Clinic. Join the efforts of 40 Days of Life North Dakota - September 28th to November 6, 2011.

HELPFUL RESOURCES

1 st Choice Clinic: Education/Health Services	701-237-6530
Perry Center Maternity Residence	701-241-9289
St. Gianna Maternity Home	701-877-3077

**The People Who Serve You At
St. John's/Newman Center**

Pastor	Rev. Dale Lagodinski	642-6982	Neighborhoods of St. John's		
Parochial Vicar	Rev. Terry Dodge	642-6982	Nancy Muehlberg, Co-Chair		642-2503
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	Rev. Mr. George Ethier, Retired	642-4427	Joan Brunkhorst, Sexton		642-6806
	Rev. Mr. Gene Hoefs, Retired	642-6717	Knights of Columbus		
Mass Times		672-0898	Mike Matejcek, Grand Knight		642-9320
Saturday	5:30 pm		Apostolic Works	Karen Hipp	643-1750
Sunday	7:30 am		Catholic Daughters	Mary Campbell	642-6538
	9:00 am		Christian Mothers	Vonnie Halverson	642-9138
	11:00 am		Foresters	Bernice Davis	642-3341
	7:30 pm (Sept - May)		Pro-Life	Connie Brandt	642-4312
Parish Office		642-6982	Parish Lay Officers		
Administration Coordinator	Betsy Sitz		Jim Lutz		642-6896
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Prayer Line - Lorraine Wieser		642-5062	Pastoral Council		
St. John's School		642-6116	Connie Brandt		642-4312
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Secretary	Renee Walter		Darryl Jilek		642-6383
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Darren Thom		642-2943	Darin Klein		642-6298
Parish Life Coordinator	Michelle Fehr	642-6982	Kristi Mahrer		643-1910
Elementary - High School Religious Formation			Cody Miller		642-8014
CYO Coordinator	Kathy Davis	642-3071	Marty Madsen		642-1808
Youth Minister	Tammy Goerger	642-6982	Becky Stasko		651-0107
Music Ministry	Contact Pat Keaveny	642-6982	Nancy Reynolds		640-5978
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Deanna Nelson, Director		642-4922	Parish Newsletter	Pat Keaveny	642-6982



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October Feast

Sunday, October 2nd

11 am Mass

followed by our

Parish picnic.

(More information to follow)