## The Liturgical Week

### Mass Intentions

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### Devotions

- **Adoration**
  - Wednesday at 5:45pm

- **Morning Prayer**
  - After Mass on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

- **Divine Mercy Chaplet**
  - After Morning Prayer on Monday

### Prayers

#### For Our Sick & Shut-Ins

Please remember the infirmed of our parish, especially those who, by request, have been placed on our parish prayer intention list.

If you would like to be added to this list, please call the parish office. You may also call for a copy of the prayer list.

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**The Sanctuary Lights**

are lit this week in honor of

_The Schulte Girls_

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“Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”

~St. John the Baptist (John 1:29)
SPIRITUAL READING & REFLECTION

NEXT SUNDAY’S GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 4:1-11

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread.” He said in reply, “It is written: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.”

Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.” Jesus answered him, “Again it is written, You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.” Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me.” At this, Jesus said to him, “Get away, Satan! It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.”

Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.

LENTEN FASTING REGULATIONS

1) Abstinence on all the Fridays of Lent, and on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
   * No meat may be eaten on days of abstinence.
   * Catholics 14 years and older are bound to abstain from meat. Invalids, pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt.

2) Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
   * Fasting means having only one full meal to maintain one’s strength. Two smaller, meatless and penitential meals are permitted according to one’s needs, but they should not together equal the one full meal. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.
   * Catholics from age 18 through age 59 are bound to fast. Again, invalids, pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt.

3) Friday Abstinence Outside of Lent.

It should be noted that Fridays throughout the year are designated days of penance. The Code of Canon Law states that Friday is a day of abstinence from meat throughout the year. The American Bishops have allowed us to choose a different form of penance rather than abstaining from meat, but there must be some form of penance, for this is the day we commemorate Christ's suffering and death. The bishops stress that "among the works of voluntary self-denial and personal penance...we give first place to abstinence from flesh meat" (Pastoral Statement on Fasting and Abstinence).

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Prayed on Fridays at 5:00PM

That in all things God may be glorified
PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you or anyone you know is homebound or hospitalized, even temporarily, please call the office so that we may arrange for them to be visited by one of our Extraordinary Ministers. With your help we can make certain everyone is taken care of. Thank you!

For sacramental emergencies, please call 828-859-9574, ext. 6

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“When you have come into the land which the Lord, your God, is giving you as a heritage, […] you shall take some first fruits […] and putting them in a basket, you shall go to the place which the Lord, your God, chooses for the dwelling place of his name.”

— Deuteronomy 26:1-2

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**
The 2nd Quarter Liturgical Minister Schedule is currently in the making. Please contact Theresa Fitch in the parish office: stjohnff@windstream.net or 859-9574 x3, if you are not available to serve in the next quarter or if you have any changes in your mailing address or phone number. Please note that Holy Week liturgical assignments will be separate from the monthly schedule. Thank you.

**ST. JOHN’S PARISH MISSION**
**SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH — TUESDAY, MARCH 11TH**
**6:30PM IN THE CHURCH**

Confession will be offered before and after each session

Our Parish Mission is one week away! All parishioners are invited to take part in the mission to be offered on three nights—March 9, 10 and 11, 2014—by Fr. David Vincent Meconi, SJ.
The Mission will involve a series of talks by Fr. Meconi and Confession will be available each evening. Fr. Meconi will also preach at each of this coming weekend Masses preceding the Mission. You are invited to join Fr. Meconi and Fr. Eckert for coffee and doughnuts on Sunday morning, March 9th after the 8:30am Mass. All are invited to a light reception that will conclude the closing night of the mission.

Fr. David Vincent Meconi, S.J., is a Jesuit priest who teaches Theology at Saint Louis University. He is also the editor of *Homiletic and Pastoral Review*. He holds the pontifical license in Patrology from the University of Innsbruck and the D.Phil. in Ecclesiastical History from Oxford University. He has written widely in Church history and in the thought of St. Augustine. Most recently he has published *Called to be The Children of God: The Catholic Theology of Deification* (Ignatius Press, 2014), the *Annotated Confessions of Saint Augustine* (Ignatius Press, 2012), and *The One Christ: St. Augustine’s Theology of Deification* (Catholic University of America Press, 2013). This semester he holds the Chair of Augustinian Studies at Villanova University.

**ASH WEDNESDAY • MARCH 5TH**

Distribution of Ashes will take place at the 7:00am and 5:15pm Masses

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of universal fast and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal. Abstinence (from meat) is obligatory for all who have reached their 14th year.

**PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell, Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.
PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGICAL SEASON OF LENT

In order to help you and your families rekindle your faith in Jesus Christ during this season of preparation, we will be offering the following here at St. John the Baptist:

- The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation will be offered each day during Lent. The Sacrament will be offered beginning one hour before the first Mass of the day and ending roughly fifteen minutes before the start of Mass (check the bulletin for specific times each day).

- In order to facilitate a spirit of quiet reflection in the church, there will be no closing hymn at Masses during Lent. Following the final blessing, we will all kneel, and pray the Prayer of St. Michael, the Hail Mary, and we will conclude by asking the intercession of our patron, St. John the Baptist.

- Each Friday at 5:00pm during Lent, we will pray the Stations of the Cross. This is an excellent opportunity to meditate upon Our Lord’s Passion, gathering strength from Him who loves us more than we can know.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION WINTER SERIES

Fr. Eckert’s 3-part series on “Sin and Virtue” has one more talk to go. Even if you have not made the other two talks you can still join in. The last class, in this series of talks by Fr. Eckert, will take place this Monday evening, March 3rd at 7:00pm in the parish social hall. See you there!

MEN’S GROUP
THURSDAY EVENINGS BEGINNING MARCH 6TH

The weekly men’s group will be starting up again on Thursday March 6th from 7:00 — 8:00pm in the Church social hall, and continue each Thursday evening through April 10th. The topic will be “The Seven Deadly Sins and the Seven Lively Virtues” as presented by Fr. Robert Barron, creator and host of the “Catholicism” series. Each session will begin with prayer, a 15 minute DVD by Fr. Barron, and group discussion. Please join us for this challenging presentation of the seven deadly sins and for the message of hope found in the seven lively virtues.

For further information contact Greg Lobas 440-823-8709 or Bob Then 864-978-3316.

PARISH LIFE AT A GLANCE

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COFFEE, DONUTS & WARM HOSPITALITY

SUNDAY, MARCH 2ND
after the 8:30am Mass in the Social Hall

YOUTH GROUP
SUNDAY MARCH 2ND
5:30PM

That in All Things God May Be Glorified
FAITH FORMATION / OTHER

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR
- March 2  YOUTH GROUP at 5:30pm
- March 6  “Saving Mr. Banks” at 8:00pm. Meet at Tryon Theater at 7:45pm
- March 7  Volunteer at Fish Fry (arrive at 5pm)
- March 15 Volunteer at St. Patrick’s Day Dinner
- March 16  YOUTH GROUP at 9:45am
- March 21 Volunteer at Fish Fry (arrive at 5pm)
- March 28 Volunteer at Fish Fry (arrive at 5pm)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

Attention parents of youth who are to receive a sacrament(s) this year Please mark your calendars for these important dates—attendance at retreats and rehearsals are required as part of sacramental preparation:

Rehearsal First Holy Communion—Saturday, May 17, 2014
Sacrament of First Holy Communion—Saturday, May 24, 2014
Youth in Ms. Mitzi’s 2nd Grade Class & Ms. Theresa’s Sacramental Class

Confirmation Retreat—Saturday, May 31, 2014
Mr. Dean Sabo’s Confirmation Class

Confirmation Rehearsal—Saturday, June 28 at 10AM
Sacrament of Confirmation—Monday, June 30, 2014
Mr. Dean’s 8th Grade class and Mr. Greg’s Class*

PLEASE RESERVE THESE DATES

More details to follow in upcoming bulletin announcements as well as in parent letters. If you have any questions, please contact Theresa in the parish office at 859-9574 ext 3.

*Those teens who are prepared to receive Confirmation in 2014

THE MAGNIFICAT LENTEN COMPANION 2014

“The holy season of Lent speaks to our daily struggles and sorrows, showing how the answer to all life’s troubles is found in the Mystery of Jesus Christ. This handy little booklet provides a series of original reflections to guide you through every day of Lent into the heart of that Mystery. By spending a few moments meditating on the inspiring daily reflections and the short prayers that follow them, you will discover all that is true, good, and beautiful about the Catholic Faith. Let the profound yet practical insights you will find in this little spiritual treasury form and focus your spiritual life, filling it with new conviction and purpose.” — Magnificat

Copies of Magnificat’s Lenten Companion will be available in the church vestibule for parishioners. These copies are a gift to you from St. John’s. We ask that you take only one copy per adult. As much as we would like to have an unlimited supply for sharing we do not and therefore ask for your consideration of taking only a copy for yourself so that all parishioners may enjoy.

Note: Attention parents of Faith Formation Students and Youth Ministry. Students will receive Lenten Little Purple Books in their classrooms and Youth will receive Little Black Books at Youth Group.
K of C Council #9492
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
7TH ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY

March 7th, 21st, 28th and April 4th & 11th
Church Social Hall — 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Menu
Fish & Fries w/Cole Slaw or Apple Sauce, Dessert &
Ice Tea or Lemonade

Adults:
Fish Dinners: $9.00, Shrimp Dinners: $10.00,
Combo Fish & Shrimp Dinners: $10.00

Children: $5.00, Families: $25.00
Children 5 Years Old and Under Eat for Free!
Take Out Available

K OF C ST. PATRICK’S DAY DINNER

“Ce’ad Mi’le Fa’ílte”
(One Hundred Thousand Welcomes)
Saturday March 15th
After 4:30pm Vigil Mass

A traditional Irish dinner of corned beef, potatoes & carrots
along with an enormous amount of Irish cheer!
Celebrate St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland and the wearin’
of the green and feast on a fabulous Irish dinner

Tickets $12.00 each Ⓟ Families - $25.00
Children under 5 eat free!

2014 ANNUAL K OF C VACATION RAFFLE

First Prize: Alaskan Cruise for 2 plus $700 Cash
Second Prize: 7 Day Hawaiian Vacation for 2 plus $500 Cash
Third thru Seventh Prizes: $200 Cash each

Drawing May 17, 2014
Tickets $5.00 each (need not be present to win)

Knights will be selling tickets at the door at all of our
Lenten Fish Fry events.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the St. John Knights of
Columbus council so they may continue their “good works” within
the parish and community. Please help us help you.

SET YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD
March 9th

PREPARE FOR LENT
Knowing your faith, living your faith,
sharing your faith.

We have Catholic Lighthouse Media CDs in the Church Vestibule in preparation for Lent

$4 REQUESTED DONATION PER CD
Titles include: Meditations on the Stations of the Cross, Glimpses Along the Way of the Cross, Three Days that Changed the World, The Passion of Christ and Seven Last Sayings of Christ.

PRO LIFE

“Christians know that suffering cannot be eliminated, yet it can have meaning and become an act of love and entrustment into the hands of God who does not abandon us; in this way it can serve as a moment of growth in faith and love.”

— Pope Francis, Lumen Fidei, 56

THAT IN ALL THINGS GOD MAY BE GLORIFIED