

The Catholic Community of Saint John the Evangelist



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"Make Straight the way of the Lord."



RECONCILIATION
Saturdays from 3 - 5 pm
Sunday, December 13th
3 pm - 6 pm

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020

Pastor

Rev. Dale Lagodinski

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Eric Seitz

Deacon

Douglas Campbell

Parish Life Coordinator

Michelle Fehr

Youth Director

Audrey Gyolai

St. John's School

Renee Langenwalter, Principal

Renee Walter, Secretary

701-642-6116

Parish Office Hours

M - Th 8 am—12 noon, 1 pm - 5 pm

F—8 am—12 noon, 1 - 3 pm

St. John's Childcare Director

Karrie Gregor

701-642-4922

Lay Directors

Laurie Straus

Rod Koch

Parish Offices

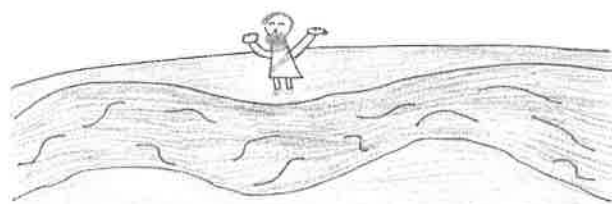
Betsy Sitz—Office Manager

Pat Keaveny—Secretary

701-642-6982

DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN

TUESDAY @ NOON



Julia Dohman 5 yr.

Artist - Julia Dohman - grade 5

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Monday - 7 - 8 pm
Tuesday - 4:15 - 5:15 pm
Wednesday - 8 - 11:30 am
Thursday - 2 - 3 pm
Friday - 8 - 9 am

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:30 pm

**Sunday - 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am
and 7:30 pm**

Registration: If you are new to the Wahpeton Community, call the office.

Baptism: Renewal/Preparation is required with each new baby. Call the parish office to register.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance.

Sacrament of the Sick: Hospitalization or serious illness, please contact one of the priests.

Pastoral Care: If you are homebound or hospitalized, Eucharist will be brought to you. Contact the Parish Office.

Prayer Chain: Call the parish office to start the prayer chain.

Saint 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.

Saint John's Development Program

Please remember St. John's in your will and beneficiary designations!

To learn more about making a final estate gift to benefit St. John's Church or School, call (701) 642-6982, email legacy@702com.net, or visit us online!

Readings for the week of December 13th

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 / 1 Thes 5:16-24 / Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a / Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 / Mt 21:26-32

Wed: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25 / Lk 7:18b-23

Thurs: Gn 49:2, 8-10 / Mt 1:1-17

Friday: Jer 23:5-8 / Mt 1:18-25

Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a / Lk 1:5-25

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Rom 16:25-27 / Lk 1:26-38

Sun Dec 13th - Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 am - Int: Christian Mothers

9:00 am - + Roman Berg

11:00 am - + Jim Moulsoff

7:30 pm - People of the Parish

Mon Dec 14th - Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

9:30 am - + Ava Sawyer

Tues Dec. 15th - Advent Weekday

5:30 pm + Patrick Sawyer

Wed Dec 16th - Advent Weekday

7:30 am + Lydia Regina Weekend

Thurs Dec 17th - Late Advent Weekday

1:00 pm - + Janice Green

Fri. Dec 18th - Late Advent Weekday

11:00 am Funeral Mass for Larry Brunkhorst

Sat, Dec 19th - Late Advent Weekday

5:30 pm - + Frank Gregor Sr.

Sun Dec 20th - Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 am - People of the Parish

9:00 am - + Kathy Lehman

11:00 am - Int: Willson and Charging families

7:30 pm - Special Intention

This Sunday, December 13th we will have Reconciliation here at St. John's from 3pm to 6 pm

ADVENT HOPE Covid. Isolation is getting to all of us. This year, more than ever, some good news, an encouraging note, a bit of humor, just some small light or good thought could help us remember it's Advent, He's coming! **The Jesse Tree** stands tall in our church, filled with over 850 households to greet before Christmas. If you are one of those not yet attending Mass, would you be willing to sneak in during the week and take a handful of tags from our tree, pick up some cards from the stand nearby and send Christmas greetings? Make a brief private visit to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and be on your way!

At Home With the Word is your guide to a deeper understanding of the Sunday scriptures. It provides the readings for the liturgical year, along with insights from scripture scholars. You may purchase the 2021 At Home With the Word in the parish office for only \$10.00

Please call the parish office if you will be available to read at any of the Christmas Masses or **any** weekend Masses.

ADORATION

"Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith...Let our adoration never cease."



Monday: 7 - 8 pm

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Friday - 8 - 9 am

Happenings at St. Johns...

Sunday, December 13th

3 pm - 6 pm Reconciliation

Monday, December 14th

10 am Bible Study

Wednesday, Dec 16th

11:30 am Building and Grounds Committee

3:30 and 7 pm Religious Education Classes

5:30 pm Mardi Gras Committee

"Thanking Our Lord, Sharing Our Blessings Program" Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your commitment Card to the church. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a final letter will be mailed to you with a personalized commitment Card. We invite all parishioners to complete a card as our parish goal is 100% participation! You may return your card by *mailing it to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included with the letter. *or bringing it to Mass next Sunday. *or you may visit our parish website at www.stjohns-wahpeton.org and complete an electronic commitment Card. All cards need to be returned to the parish by Sunday, Dec. 20th.

COME TO CONFESSION THIS ADVENT

- * Because of the danger of COVID contamination, the bishop does not allow us to use confined confessional spaces for multiple confessions. Since March, confessions are heard either standing behind a screen or face to face, both with a plastic shield between priest and penitent. The place we are using is in the choir area of the church. In order to respect privacy, we ask that those waiting in line stand at the door of the church maintaining social distance.
- * The Parish Communal Penance service is this Sunday, December 13th from 3 to 6 pm. Several priests will be available. Please come early.
- * You may call either priest for individual appointments any time. When there is only one person, our regular confessionals could be used.
Fr. Dale's cell number is 701-899-3278.
Fr. Eric's is 701-540-8665.

**St. John's School
News**

**"Formed by God's Love,
we form our children"**



•Our sincere THANKS TO ALL who helped make our 16th annual Noel Night a wonderful success!! Our entire staff and students are so very thankful for your generosity and support!!

• All Christmas programs will be virtual. A link to view the programs will be sent out at a later date.

•Students from all grades will lead us at our children's Mass on Thursday, December 17 at 1:00pm. We invite all our parents, grandparents, friends & parishioners to join us. The children and staff truly appreciate your support!

•Scrip will be available at the church office, electronically with eScrip and after mass on weekends. Please continue to support our school with this easy to use fund raiser. We very much appreciate your efforts!!!

December Events:

Dec. 22: weekly children's mass @ 9 am

Dec. 23-Jan 1:Christmas vacation~No School

Food 4 Kids - Richland Wilkin Backpack Program During the 2019-20 school year, volunteers for the Backpack Program packed more than 10,000 food bags. The Backpack Program has been in operation for 7 years and the need continues to grow. Again this year we are offering our Backpack Buddy program. For as little as \$125 a year, a student can be sponsored. For more information or to obtain a form contact the parish office.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT *"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."* – 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16 – 18 This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

PARISH SUPPORT (Fiscal Year July 1–June 30)

Envelope & plate needed Weekly	\$	14,072.00
Envelope 12-6	\$	11,302.50
Plate	\$	339.17
Online	\$	1,573.00
Building	\$	235.00
YTD Envelope and plate	\$	250,928.52
YTD Budgeted Envelope & plate	\$	323,656.00

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO
GENEROUSLY SUPPORT OUR PARISH!**

**Advertiser of the week -
Cook Chiropractic Clinic**

YOUTH NEWS

RE News - Religious Formation Classes for all grades



Help Wanted: St. John's Child Care Center is looking for fun, reliable, professional individuals who work independently and as a team member. We are in need of full time and part time Caregivers and a part time cook. No evenings or weekends required. Contact the parish office for an application.

Rest in Eternal Peace
† Larry Brunkhorst, husband of Joan
† Mary Ann Ihry, sister of Connie Caspers

Thank You and Update from Catholic Charities North Dakota This year we are so thankful for all of you who have faithfully supported our mission to help those in need and advocate for the common good of all! We have received wonderful feedback on our video for Catholic Charities Sunday and over \$155,000 toward our goal of \$175,000. During these challenging times, supporting Catholic Charities North Dakota is a concrete way to help others. Please join us at www.CatholicCharitiesND.org to learn more and make your gift online today!

Free Opportunity "Take and Read: A Journey into the Bible" is a Virtual Catholic Conference with most sessions recorded so you can watch at your leisure. They include great biblical scholars like: Jeff Cavins, Steve Ray, Dr. Peter Kreeft, as well as Teresa Tomeo Deacon Harold Burke Sivers and Paul J Kim. January 8-10. Register at <https://www.virtualcatholicconference.com/Bible2021>

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Remember your loved ones with a donation to St. John's Christmas environment "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone. A special insert with your loved ones' names will be in our Christmas bulletin. Please fill out the information below and return to the Parish Office or in the collection basket by Monday, December 21st.

"In Honor of" _____

"In Memory of" _____

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