

The Catholic Community of Saint John the Evangelist



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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 31, 2021

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

People who sit in darkness see
great light.



Artist - Liam Nordick - 5th Grade

RECONCILIATION
Saturdays from 4 - 5 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Until the painting of the church is completed we will not be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

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 January 31st

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20 / 1 Cor 7:32-35 / Mk 1:21-28

Monday: Heb 11:32-40 / Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4 / Heb 2:14-18 / Lk 2:22-40

Wed: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 / Mk 6:1-6

Thurs: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 / Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8 / Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 / Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 / 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 / Mk 1:29-39

Sun Jan 31st - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am - + Doug Savard

9:00 am - Int: Kevin Gregoire

11:00 am - People of the Parish

7:30 pm - + Sister Alice Grommesh

Mon Feb. 1st - Weekday

9:30 am + Larry Brunkhorst

Tues Feb. 2nd - The Presentation of the Lord

5:30 pm + Jerry Shannon

Wed Feb. 3rd - Weekday / Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop

7:30 am + Donald Osowski

Thurs Feb. 4th - Weekday

1:00 pm + Mildred Kastner

Fri. Feb. 5th - Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

7:30 am Int: Jeff and Dede Nelson

Sat, Feb. 6th - Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

8:00 am - + Jake Davis

5:30 pm - + Rose Wettstein

Sun Feb. 7th - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am - Int: Veoma Renelt

9:00 am - Int: Gerald and Bernice Davis

11:00 am - People of the Parish

7:30 pm - ++ Frank and Mary Karel

Bring the Taste of the Knights of Columbus' Breakfast to your Table

Council 2205 will be selling 1 pound rings of our famous breakfast sausage for \$6 each after Masses on February 6 - 7 until gone.

Proceeds to be donated.

All Natural

Locally Grown and Processed

CHURCH INTERIOR PAINTING It has been nearly 20 years since the interior of our church has been painted. Thanks to a generous donation, painters have begun their work. The project will take approximately one month. They will work around our Liturgical schedules (daily Mass, funerals etc.). The Blessed Sacrament will remain in the tabernacle and the pews are available for personal prayer, but the workers will be present and have permission to be about their work and all it entails during

St John's School registering now for the 21-22 School year. PreK-6th grade. Call 642-6116.

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."

Until the painting of the church is complete we will not be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The church will be available for private prayer.

Happenings at St. Johns...**Sunday, January 31st**

Start of Catholic Schools Week

Monday, February 1st

10 am Bible Study

6:30 pm Catholic Daughters

Wednesday, February 3rd

8 - 11:30 am Cenacle of Life to end Abortion

3:30 and 7 pm Religious Education Classes

Thursday, February 4th

5:00 pm St. John's Board of Education

Sunday, February 7th

Catholic Daughters serving rolls after morning Masses

St. John's is bringing the good news to your home. **MinuteGospel** is a short weekly reflection on the faith and life. Keep an eye on the parish website or Facebook page for the link.

Needed: Your musical talent! Please consider helping us at weekend Masses; playing piano, guitar, organ or singing. Call the parish office if you can help.

The 48 red crosses in the snow in the front of the church symbolize 48 years of abortion in our country.

If you would be interested in Consecration to St. Joseph during Lent, please contact the parish office to order a book (\$14.95 + shipping) by February 10th.

Retrouvaille: Help for Hurting Marriages

Retrouvaille is an international, peer-run program that has helped hundreds of thousands of hurting married couples turn the tide, find new hope, and rediscover the love that initially brought them together. Surveys have shown that 3 out of 4 couples who complete the entire program are still married five years later with stronger, healthier marriages. Retrouvaille will be held locally **March 5-7, 2021** in Fargo. For more information visit HelpOurMarriage.com or contact us at (701) 356-7962 or via email at RedRiver-Retrouvaille@fargodiocese.org.

Rest in Eternal Peace

† A. Barbara Mashek, sister of Ed Shorma

† Myron Coppin, father of Myron Coppin Jr

**St. John's School
News**

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



- CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK IS HERE!! We ask that you pray for our students and staff as we celebrate this special week with many wonderful events in our school. Additional information in the bulletin flyers today.
 - Preschool Parent/Teacher Conferences February 2. Parents~please sign up on the St. John's School webpage at www.stjohns-wahpeton.org/st-johns-school under useful links, Sign Up Genius.
 - K-6 Parent/Teachers Conferences are coming soon~February 8 & 9!! Please sign up asap for Parent/Teacher Conferences on the St. John's School webpage at www.stjohns-wahpeton.org/st-johns-school under useful links, Sign Up Genius. Each child will need a 15 minute time slot with the teacher and with Mrs. Langenwalter.
 - All St. John's parishioners interested in enrolling your child for St. John's Preschool for the 2021-2022 school year must contact the school office no later than January 31, 2021. Class sizes are limited. Students must be 4 before August 1, 2021.
 - Students from all grades will lead us at our children's mass on Thursday, February 4 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!!!
- January Events:
Jan. 31-Feb. 5: Catholic Schools Week
- February Events:
Feb. 2: Preschool Parent/Teacher Conferences
Feb. 8 & 9: K-6 Parent/Teacher Conferences

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT *"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties."* - 1 CORINTHIANS 7:32 How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then pray for things instead of worrying about them.

PARISH SUPPORT (Fiscal Year July 1–June 30)

Envelope & plate needed Weekly	\$ 14,072.00
Envelope 1-24	\$ 8,288.83
Plate	\$ 294.00
Online	\$ 3,522.50
Building	\$ 180.00
YTD Envelope and plate	\$ 422,270.18
YTD Budgeted Envelope & plate	\$ 422,160.00

Thank you to all who generously support St. John's Church

YOUTH NEWS

RE News - Regular classes for Religious Formation

Sponsors needed: Please prayerfully consider spiritually and financially adopting a member of our youth group for our summer mission trip or Steubenville North. Mission trips and Steubenville conferences are powerful opportunities for our students to encounter Christ, and without your generous support the cost of these trips can prevent students from attending. For more information or to make a donation, please contact Audrey at the parish office or email wahpetoncatholicyouth@gmail.com.

St. John's School, is seeking an energetic part time elementary music teacher. Candidate must be licensed to teach in North Dakota. Please send letter of application, resume, and transcripts to: Attn: Renee Langenwalter, Principal, St. John's School, 212 Dakota Avenue, Wahpeton, ND 58075. For more information call 701-642-6116

St. John's School is seeking a vibrant kindergarten educator for the 2021-2022 school year. This is a full-time position with benefits including health insurance and retirement plan. For more information, please contact Renee Langenwalter, Principal, 701-642-6116 or renee.langenwalter@k12.nd.us.

Get your Catholic United Financial raffle ticket! Tickets are only \$5 each and 100% of the money raised will stay at St. John's School! You could win a new SUV or \$20,000 in cash!! There will be children selling after this mass. Please stop by and purchase a ticket or two!!



Let someone else do your cooking. Order our delicious to go Mardi Gras meal of baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, coleslaw, dressing and dessert.

The cost of the meal will be \$28 for a meal for 2 (half a chicken) and \$48 for a meal for 4 (whole chicken). Meals will be precooked and can be heated at your convenience. Orders need to be placed today, January 31st and need to be picked up in the Mehok Center on Saturday, February 13th from 3 pm to 5 pm. We can bring your meal out to your car, at the west door parking lot, if you are not able to come inside. We will be taking orders after Mass or you may submit orders to the parish office. Contact the parish office if you have any questions, 642-6982.

Raffle tickets have been mailed to all registered parishioners. Please return your Mardi Gras Raffle tickets as soon as possible. Please completely **fill out the ticket stub with your name, address and phone.** If you did not receive your raffle tickets or need additional tickets, please contact the parish office.

**Advertiser of the week -
Giants Snacks**

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ~ Faith~Excellence~Service

Catholic Schools Week, January 31-February 6

Catholic Schools Week is always a wonderful celebration for the students & staff at St. John's Catholic School. Here are some great ways we plan to observe the week:



Registration for Kindergarten by appointment all week!!

ALL FAITHS WELCOME!

Sunday, January 31: Faith.Excellence.Service. in our Parish

- Testimonials: from St. John's School parents/parishioners before all masses
- Students participate in the Saturday, 5:30pm mass; Sunday, 7:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am masses
- pencils given out after all masses to help celebrate our school and show our gratitude to parish

Monday, February 1: Faith.Excellence.Service. in our Community

- Career Dress Up Day: Students dress in their future careers etc.
- Students sign banners to thank our community leaders
- St. John's School Progressive Story begins

Tuesday, February 2: Faith.Excellence.Service. in our Students

- Crazy Hair/Hat day
- Drawing for Student Prizes
- SJS Alumni Class of 2015(WHS Seniors 2021) invited for lunch
- Snowball Fight in the Hallways

Wednesday, February 3: Faith.Excellence.Service. in our Nation

- Super Hero Day~students dress up as their favorite Super Hero
- Flag etiquette and flag folding demonstration after morning prayer
- Get Up and Dance
- Students make cards to thank our Nation's soldiers, grades 1,3,5

Thursday, February 4: Faith.Excellence.Service. in our Vocations

- School Spirit Day: Students wear our school colors (red & white)
- Living Rosary at 8:45 after morning prayer in church
- All School Picture in the morning at 11:00.
- 1:00pm Mass at St. John's. Parents and Parishioners welcome to join us!
- All School Bingo in the morning
- Prayer cards for seminarians and Sisters of St. Francis/Carmelite Sisters, grades K,2,4,6

Friday, February 5: Faith.Excellence.Service. in our Faculty, Staff, Volunteers

- Skating Through the Decades~students dress in 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's attire
- Reading St. John's School Progressive Story
- Movie & root beer floats in the afternoon
- Guess the Staff Member-students will guess who is who from old pictures
- Staff Luncheon: Volunteers needed to monitor the lunch room

January 31, 2021



Dear Friends:

Catholic Schools Week, the annual celebration of what makes Catholic education special, begins today. We set aside this week each year to build community awareness of and involvement in Catholic schools. We share with everyone the important role of Catholic schools in providing a values-added education and making the world a better place for all. We also honor those who make our schools a success, everyone from students, families, faculty and staff to volunteers, community supporters and local leaders.

This year's theme, "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service." underscores the great commitment Catholic education has to community service. As part of their effort to educate the whole child in an atmosphere of faith and academic excellence, Catholic schools instill a lifelong commitment to serving others.

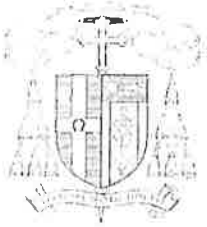
Please check out the attached Catholic Schools Week schedule, gather your family and join us for the activities we've planned. You are also invited to visit our school any day this week to see the many benefits St. John's School offers and the accomplishments of our wonderful students. Please encourage family, friends and neighbors who may be considering Catholic education for their children to come with you.

Also, please join me in saying thank you to our priests, Fr. Dale and Fr. Seitz, our teachers, staff, board members, volunteers, parents and everyone involved in St. John's School. Through their dedication and commitment, they make our school an excellent example of how Catholic schools lead with Faith. Excellence. Service. in our communities.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Renee Langenwaller".

Renee Langenwaller, Principal
St. John's School



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January 31, 2021

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Today we begin our annual week-long observance of Catholic Schools Week, and I am happy to celebrate with you the important place of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Fargo. We have fourteen Catholic schools in our diocese, located in Belcourt, Devils Lake, Fargo, Grand Forks, Jamestown, Langdon, Rugby, Valley City, Wahpeton, and West Fargo. From the very beginning of our diocese, Catholic schools have played a key role in educating and forming our young people, and that mission continues today.

The national theme for Catholic Schools Week this year distills the reasons for that mission:

"Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service."

Most importantly, our Catholic schools hand on the gift of faith to our young people, and they integrate the faith into every aspect of a child's education. Every day, our students are invited into a deeper and more loving relationship with God, and they have the opportunity to know Jesus Christ and his Gospel. Our schools strive for excellence in academics, the arts, athletics, and all activities. Our students consistently exceed state and national averages in academic achievement, and they are challenged and encouraged to grow in a spirit of virtue and service to others. Since the onset of the pandemic, our Catholic Schools have continued their mission with dedication and perseverance. I commend our school communities for that accomplishment.

Without the support of our parishes, families, benefactors, and dedicated educators, it would be impossible to maintain this essential apostolate of the Church. I invite you to continue your generous support with your time, talent, and treasure, so that future generations of young people will continue to benefit from the fine work of our Catholic schools.

I also invite every family to consider Catholic schools for your own children. I know that this entails a sacrifice, but we will work with any family to make sure you can afford Catholic education for your sons and daughters. I was blessed to experience Catholic education in my youth, and I want to extend that same blessing to all the children of our diocese.

Finally, please pray for the ongoing success of our Catholic schools, and know that I am praying for each one of you and your families. January 31 is ordinarily the Memorial of St. John Bosco, who upon his canonization in 1934 was named "Father and Teacher of Youth." As we begin our annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week, we can invoke his prayers for our Catholic Schools and for the inspiration of his example of charity toward all our young people. St. John Bosco: "Pray for us."

God bless you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. John T. Folda
Bishop of Fargo